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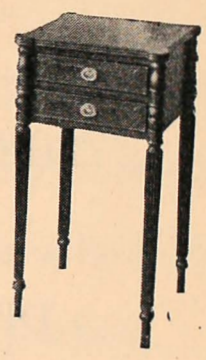

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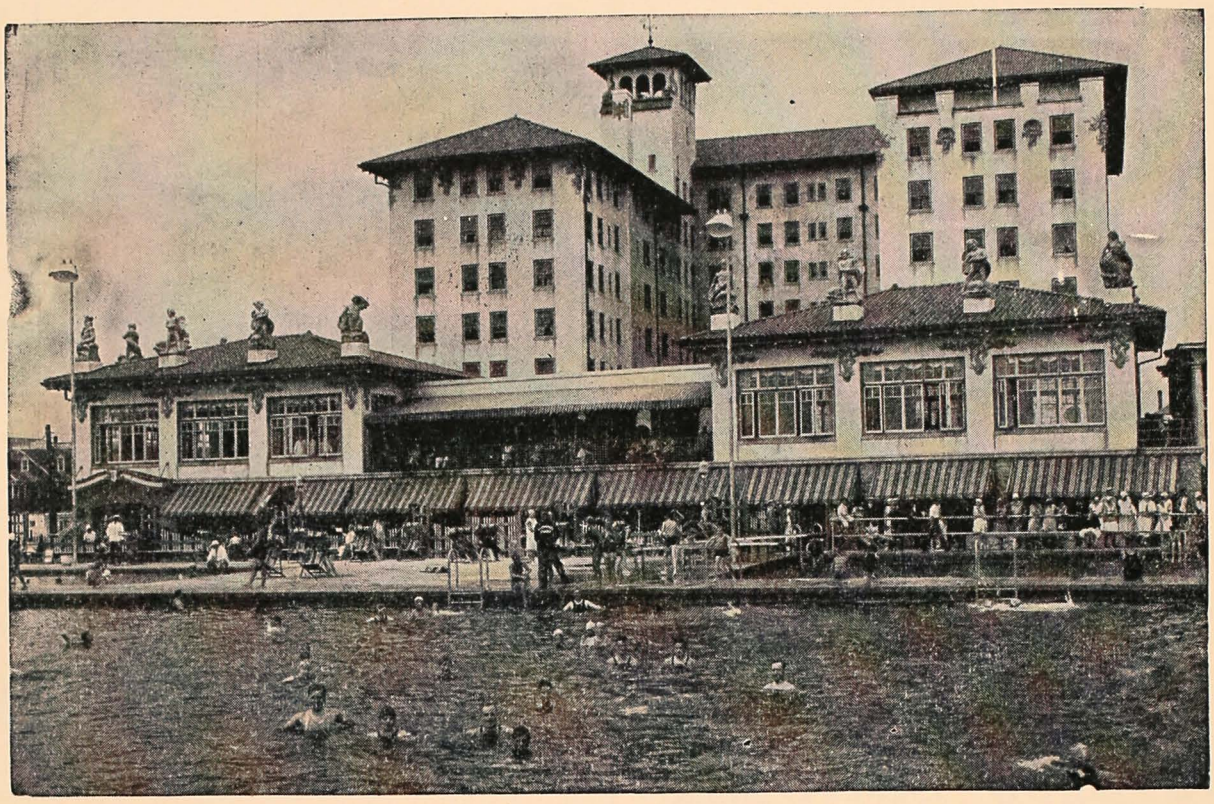

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Review of the 153rd Annual Diocesan Convention

The full text of the Bishop's Annual Message to the Convention appears elsewhere in this issue under separate caption.—Ed.

Except for delays and interruptions incident to the succession of ballots necessary to elect Clerical and Lay Deputies to the General Convention and which forced a second day's session, the 153rd Annual Diocesan Convention moved with general smoothness and transacted a considerable volume of business. Had it not been for the repeated balloting to select General Convention Deputies the assembly would have been able to finish its work in a single day.

During the course of the second day's session general dissatisfaction was voiced over the necessity of taking repeated ballots and the consequent delays and interruptions to the other business of the Convention. This attitude of the Deputies found expression in the adoption of a Resolution that the Committee on Elections, together with the Committee on Dispatch of Business, consider devising a more expeditious system of conducting elections during the interim before the next Convention.

The Convention sessions were held on Tuesday and Wednesday, May 4th and 5th, in the Church of The Holy Trinity, Rittenhouse Square, and were preceded by a Celebration of the Holy Communion on Tuesday morning at 9 o'clock. The Bishop was the Celebrant, assisted by the Rev. Dr. E. M. Jefferys, President of the Standing Committee, and the Rev Howard R Weir, Rector of Holy Trinity.

Pre-Convention Meeting

On Monday, prior to the usual Pre-Convention Missionary Mass Meeting in Holy Trinity, the Bishop entertained the Clerical and Lay Deputies at Dinner in the Penn Athletic Club at 6.15 P. M. The Missionary Mass Meeting, called for 8.15 P. M., brought a large attendance of communicants from many parts of the Diocese, in addition to the Deputies. As has been the custom for some years the Bishop read his Annual Message to the Convention at this meeting, and it was given close attention throughout the reading. The Missionary Address was given by the Rev. Dr. George P. T. Sargent, Rector of St. Bartholomew's Church, New York City.

As has already been noted, the full text of the Bishop's Address is printed elsewhere in this issue. An abstract of Dr. Sargent's Address also may be found elsewhere in this issue.

Large Attendance Evident

When the Convention was called to order by the Bishop there appeared to be a larger attendance of Deputies than in recent years. This was attributed to the interest as to whom the Convention might select to represent the Diocese at the General Convention in Cincinnati next October.

Subsequent events seemed to confirm this. As the balloting, especially for Deputies to the General Convention, took up so much time before results were reached, the writer of this review has felt it might be of interest to many to follow this feature of the Convention's proceedings in a separate article under a separate head. By this means this review of the Convention will not be unduly lengthened, and those who may be more interested in other features of the Convention than the elections may avoid having their interest disturbed.

While much of the time of the Convention was consumed in the performance of its duty in balloting for offices, there was considerable other business of interest and importance to which the Convention gave its undivided attention. Among these may be mentioned the following:

Report of the Special Committee on Missions and Missionaries appointed at the last Convention to consider and report on two matters: (1) The status of Missions and Missionaries; (2) The question of giving Missions a vote in the Convention.

Report and recommendations for further legislation on Financial Safeguards, submitted by a special sub-Committee of the Department of Finance.

Submission of a plan to provide old age security for lay employes of the Church House and recommend also to Institutions and Parishes of the Diocese for lay employes of such Institutions and Parishes.

The Drama of Missions

Of outstanding interest was the Special Order of the Day for Tuesday, just after the Noonday Prayer for Missions, when an entire hour was set aside for the Missionary Research Committee of the Diocese. The Rev. Dr. Charles W. Shreiner, Chairman of the Committee, was in charge of the program for this hour. Dr. Shreiner briefly reviewed the work that had been done during the past year and, in touching on the plans ahead, referred to the preparations that are being made for the presentation next September in the Municipal Convention Hall of the "Drama of Missions," and also to the request by Bishop Hobson and the General Convention Committee of the Diocese of Southern Ohio that the Drama be made a part of the official program of General Convention. Dr. Shreiner said that the Diocese of Southern Ohio is already at work on the plans for the presentation of the Drama in Cincinnati, and that the Missionary Research Committee of our own Diocese is assisting Southern Ohio in every way possible.

Dr. Shreiner then introduced Mr. Percy Jewett Burrell, Author and Director of the Drama, who held the close attention of the delegates as he gave them an intimate picture of the Drama as it will be presented on Sunday afternoon, September 26th, in this city prior to being sent to General Convention.

Dr. Shreiner then introduced Dr. Grafton Burke, head of the Church's great Hospital at Fort Yukon, Alaska, and who, Dr. Shreiner told the Con-

vention, would have a prominent part in the Drama of Missions along with some of his Eskimos and Alaska Indians.

Dr. Burke Grips Interest

Dr. Burke gripped the interest of the whole Convention as he gave a vivid illustration of the effectiveness of the medical missionary work that the Church has accomplished through the years in Alaska. Dr. Burke said that when he went to Alaska as a young man many years ago 78 per cent of the Eskimos and Indians among whom he worked were afflicted with social diseases, but that he had not seen one such case among them in the last two years.

The Convention was so impressed with Dr. Burke's message that when the Rev. Dr. Washburn moved that members of the Convention place in the hands of the Secretary of Convention contributions towards Dr. Burke's work, upwards of $650 was quickly subscribed.

The Special Committee on Missions and Missionaries, in its report on "The Status of Missions and Missionaries," submitted the following:

"Resolved, That the Convention directs that in the Journal and recommends that on Church notice boards and in similar instances of publicity, the word 'Mission' be not used, and that the congregations and places now known as Missions be designated as Churches, and described by their names and places."

The Committee recommended also amendments to the Canons so that where the nouns "Missionary" or "Missionaries" appear the words "The Bishop's Vicar" or "The Bishop's Vicars" be substituted.

Committee's Report on Missions

In its report the Committee, in part, stated it found there exists a strong feeling among the Clergy and Laity of the Missions of the Diocese that calling these enterprises of the Church in this Diocese in which they are engaged "Missions" gives the public the impression that the work and worship carried on in them are of less dignity and importance than similar work and worship in Parishes.

"The Committee also finds," the report continued, "that there exists in the same circles an equally strong conviction that the use of the word 'Missionaries' to designate the Clergy in charge of Missions has come, rightly or wrongly, to indicate to the people of the Diocese, both within and without the Missions, that such men are probably of less ability and standing in the Church than the Parochial Clergy, and that consequently the position of Missionaries with their own people is not that which it would be if they were not so designated."

While the Bishop did not take any sides in the question he did take occasion to pay a high tribute to the words "Mission" and "Missionary," and said that in many instances the attitude of the public towards a Mission depended upon the Missionary himself. The report was submitted by the Rev. Dr. Philip J. Steinmetz, Rector of St. Paul's Parish, Elkins Park, Chairman of the Committee. Several Missionaries spoke in favor of the Resolution and proposed amendments. After a minor amendment to the Resolution, and substituting "Vicar" for "The Bishop's Vicar" in the proposed amendments to the Canons, both of which were accepted by the Committee, recommendations for this part of the Report were adopted.

On Giving Vote to Missions

The second part of the Report, relating to giving the Missions a vote in Convention, the Committee reported in favor of giving the Missions a vote.

The Committee, in its report, stated that when, on May 24, 1785, in Philadelphia, it was decided that there should be a Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the State of Pennsylvania, each congregation therein was invited to send a Deputy or Deputies, and each congregation so represented in the Convention was to have one vote irrespective of size and financial ability.

But so far, for one reason or another, have we departed from that original plan, the Report continued, that only 141 Parishes compose the Convention of the Diocese and they, and they only, with the Clergy of the Diocese, elect the Bishops of the Diocese, choose the men to represent it in the General Convention, and adopt Canons for the government of the Church in this Diocese.

"Practically outside, and without their Laity having any voice in Diocesan affairs," the Report added, "are 7,000 Communicants in 'Missions,' besides several more thousands in the Chapels. The Missions have no vote in the Convention because they do not meet two requirements for admission thereto, they are not legal entities, that is, they are not incorporated, and they are not entirely self-supporting. This practically means that admission to the Convention and the privilege of having some part in Diocesan affairs is a matter of money."

The Report recommended lay representatives of Missions have all the rights of Parochial Deputies. The proposed amendment provided that each organized Mission reporting not less than "fifty communicants" be given the right to vote. On motion it was amended to read "one hundred communicants." In order to open a discussion, Mr. Louis B. Runk moved to amend by giving Missions one-third of a vote instead of a whole vote. That the Convention seemed to be sympathetic towards the Missions was indicated when the amendment offered by Mr. Runk was overwhelmingly defeated by a vote of 216 to 45. The Convention then adopted the recommendation of the Committee without further discussion. Under the rules final action goes over to the next Convention.

Financial Safeguards

The additional legislation relating to Financial Safeguards, and which was adopted by the Convention, was presented in the report of the Department of Finance, and was submitted by Mr. Robert C. Belleville, 3rd, for the Chairman of the sub-Committee, Mr. Ervin.

The legislation which Mr. Belleville submitted in the report of the subcommittee is set forth in the following:

"Resolved: That the Standing Resolution on Financial Safeguards adopted by the Convention of 1936 (Jnl., p. 49) be rescinded and that Canon XVI, Section I, be amended by renumbering subsection 4 as 8 and adding new subsections as follows:

"3. Every Parish shall protect its funds by requiring a surety bond in such sum as the Vestry may direct of all persons handling such funds whenever they shall exceed $1,000 in any year.

"4. Every Parish shall safeguard its securities.

"5. Every Parish shall supervise its investments."

As explained by Mr. Belleville, Canon XVI now places squarely upon the shoulders of the Vestry as the Board of Directors of the Corporation the responsibility of audit, bonding, safeguarding and investment. If the Vestry fails to follow Canon Law and loss occurs from fraud or negligence, the Vestry is now responsible to the extent of the requirements.

Audits, Mr. Belleville explained, must be made by persons not members of the Corporation or contributors thereto, a public accountant required where the income is $3,000 or more annually.

Bonding of all persons handling any part of Parish Funds is required in amounts indicated by the Vestry where the income is $1,000 or more annually. This, Mr. Belleville said, does not include funds of the Church School, Girls' Friendly, Parish Guild, etc., unless they are part of the Parish funds.

Old Age Security

The question of providing some form of old age security for lay employes of the Church has been occupying the attention of the Diocesan Department

of Finance for some time through a sub-committee of which the Chairman is Mr. Robert C. Belleville, 3rd. Under the National Security Act employes of religious organizations are barred from participation in the benefits of that system of old age security.

In submitting a report to the Convention in relation to providing old age security to lay employes of the Church, Mr. Belleville submitted the following Resolution, which was adopted:

"That the Diocese of Pennsylvania is directed to take out such Retirement Contracts on behalf of all its lay employes under sixty years of age, the premium on which shall be on the following scale: For those now or at future employment below the age of thirty-five, 6%; for those now or at future employment between the ages of thirty-five and forty-five, 8%, and for those now or at future employment between the ages of forty-five and sixty, 10%, payable one-half by the Diocese of Pennsylvania, as herein after provided, and one-half by deduction from the salary of the employe, and

"BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the future budgets of the funds from which such salaries are paid are hereby increased to accomplish this payment but not to exceed in the aggregate $700.00.

"AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the establishment of retirement contracts for lay employes is commended to all Parishes, missions and other organizations of this Diocese whose said lay employes are deprived by law of the benefits of the Social Security Act."

To Establish Social Center

The Convention was quickly responsive to a recommendation by the Department of Christian Social Service and Institutions submitted in a supplementary report looking towards the development of a center of social service in that section of Philadelphia around the Church of St. Jude and The Nativity, 11th and Mt. Vernon Streets.

For some time past the Department has been making a study of conditions in this part of the city. The Rev. Stanley R. West, Chairman of the subcommittee of the Department in charge of the study, presented the supplementary report on behalf of the Department, and expressed the hope of the Department that the splendid equipment of St. Jude and The Nativity, whose membership and resources seem to be steadily decreasing, may be used in a wise and helpful way for the benefit of the people of this whole great section of the city, extending from Fifth to Broad Streets and from Vine Street to Girard Avenue, with a population of about 50,000. The Parish House and Church, Dean West added, may well become a center of Christian influence and a great power house for the betterment of the physical mental, moral and spiritual welfare of the whole locality.

Following is the Resolution which accompanied the report presented by Dean West, and which received the unanimous approval of Convention:

"Resolved: That the Convention hav-

Abstract of Dr. Sargent's Address at Pre-Convention Mass Meeting

In his sermon at the Pre-Convention Mass Meeting in the Church of the Holy Trinity, on Monday night, May 3rd, the Rev. Dr. Geo. Paull T. Sargent, Rector of St. Bartholomew's Church, New York, stressed the need and importance of the Church's missionary work, which has been the center and vitality of Christianity through the ages. This great world missionary idea, he said, has been kept alive by the vision and sacrifice of those who have dared all so that the Gospel should be a living reality to all men everywhere.

"The tragedy of our time," said Dr. Sargent, "is the absence of moral conviction and the reluctance to suffer for Christian principles. Only as the Church today is willing to face some sort of sacrificial martyrdom can the Divine Spirit be transfused into the life blood of the world.

"Never has history seen so swift a transition as in our age. We are in a phase of upheaval, similar, in its effect, to that caused by the Copernician theory which revolutionized science, religion and philosophy of that day. We have lost many elements of reverence and order without which society disintegrates. A Church that no longer has the sense of wonder at God's immeasurable love in Christ Jesus is bound to be anemic and ineffective.

"'Liberty' has been the cry and the goal of the last two decades, and the effort to attain this has largely produced anarchy in religion as well as in our economic and social life. What the new order is to be, we know not, but we believe that God desires that the positive values of every age should be conserved. Nineteen hundred years ago the Church was a major influence in the birth of Christian civilization. So, today God intends His Church to wield an even greater influence in our modern so-called Christian civilization, enabling us to control and integrate these emerging liberties.

"Only a great spiritual revival will prevent the collapse of the upward striving of our civilization. Our method must be similar to that of Jesus Christ, who did not provide a blueprint of the Christian order, but revealed an all-compelling faith which demanded that His followers first harmonize their lives with the will and purpose of God; then revolutionize the life of society about them. It has been said that our Churches are full of people who are content to live on the borders of spiritual pastures which they frequent, like ecclesiastical gypsies, wandering with uncharted freedom, as inclination suggests, helped they may be, but helping never. If a new moral and Christian order is to arise, it can only come as the true character of God and His purpose for mankind challenge every man in no uncertain terms."

This purpose, Dr. Sargent said, was revealed by Jesus on the Mount of Transfiguration, which offered Him a way of escape from the cross and its seeming failure. But instead He used this moment to reveal to His disciples the purpose of His earthly existence. None of the events of Jesus' life can be comprehended unless to some extent we understand the great struggle and decision which Jesus was ever making. He must finish His Father's work, and that could only be done by going down into the valley and ministering to the needs of hopeless and helpless humanity.

"We who are Christians go to the mountain top and draw strength from God, the Source of Life; there we consecrate ourselves and then descend to share this Divine Life at home, in the family, in business and out in the world. That is God's plan, the Church's purpose, and the great spiritual adventure into which Jesus Christ has called each one to be His co-worker. A disciple of Jesus Christ cannot evade his personal responsibility.

"Christianity 'can be kept only by giving it away.' We are Christians, not that we may attain heaven, or that our little environment may be pleasant and livable, but that through us the grace of God may reach others. God is coming into His world through Christ's body—the Church—of which we are members. Therefore we must be a living Church, pulsating with the Divine life and power. Nothing short of this will satisfy the heart of God and justify the sacrifice made for us by Jesus Christ on His Mount of Transfiguration and in His valley of service.

"The Christian adventure—both near and far—is ever with us. Though no land is fully Christian today, we can approach the future with courage, for our God is a God of ultimate victory.

"Get ye up into the high mountain
. . . and let righteousness and
love flow down as rivers."

ing heard with interest the statement of the Department of Christian Social Service and Institutions, concerning the opportunity for social service in that section of the city centering around the Church of St. Jude and The Nativity, 11th and Mt. Vernon Streets, Philadelphia, commends this whole matter to the study of the Executive Council, for the purpose of finding ways and means of promoting this work if in the opinion of the Council conditions warrant the same."

Aid for Music Commission

Another important piece of work which has been quietly and effectively carried on for some years, namely that of the Commission on Music, received special recognition by the Convention. The Bishop, in his Message to the Convention, read on Monday night at the Missionary Mass Meeting, directed attention to the work which the Commission has been doing without any financial aid from the Diocese, and recommended that means be found to give the Commission some financial assistance.

Acting upon the Bishop's recommendation Mr. Spencer Ervin early in the session offered a Resolution that the sum of $500 be assigned from the Convention Fund for the work of the Commission on Music. Mr. Ervin pointed out that the Commission itself had made no appeal for funds, but that he felt that such support was deserved. The Convention gave the Resolution its unanimous approval.

Subsequently, the Rev. John W. Norris, Chairman of the General Convention Committee of the Diocesan Commission on Music, gave a brief resume of the plans which the Commission proposes to carry out at the meeting of General Convention in Cincinnati. In presenting these plans, a special review of which may be found on the music page in this issue of THE CHURCH NEWS, Mr. Norris, on behalf of the Commission, expressed appreciation to the Convention for the unexpected grant of $500, explaining that in the past the Commission had, with much difficulty, been raising necessary funds as best it could.

The Rev. N. Herbert Caley, Secretary of the Commission, gave an interesting report of the activities of the Commission during the year, and to which the Convention gave its earnest attention. Upon the conclusion of the report the Rev. Dr. John Shryock moved that the whole-hearted support and commendation of the Convention be given to the Commission for its program of activities at the General Convention. The Rev. Dr. A. E. Clattenburg moved to amend that thanks be extended to Mr Harold W. Gilbert as Editor of the Department of Music in THE CHURCH NEWS for his work and to the Rev John W. Norris for the contribution he is making to the cause of Church Music as Editor of the Department of Church Music in *The Living Church.* Dr. Shryock's motion, as amended, was unanimously adopted.

Forward Movement Report

The Rev. Stanley V. Wilcox, Chairman of the Diocesan Forward Movement Commission, reported that in cooperation with the National Forward Movement, the Diocesan body is planning to hold Diocesan Conferences on the Missionary Motive. Through the courtesy of the Deans of the six Convocations, this subject will be presented at the coming Convocational meetings. Mr. Wilcox expressed the hope that small groups will gather in every Parish to discuss the pertinent questions which relate to the whole Missionary endeavor of the Church. Agenda for such Conferences will be supplied by the Commission.

Mr. Wilcox stated that interest in the literature of the Forward Movement has continued unabated, and copies of "Forward—Day-by-Day" for the summer of this year are now available at the Bishop's office in the Church House. Attention was called to the new Children's Church Primer, "We Promise," copies of which are now ready for distribution.

Limitations of space make it impossible to cover in all details much of the other work of the Convention, some of it, while of more or less a routine character, representing real constructive achievement.

Mothers' Union Approved

Attention, however, should be called to the Convention's unanimous approval of the organization in the Diocese of a Diocesan Branch of the Mothers' Union. The Bishop had given his approval in his Annual Message and the Convention was prompt to respond to Resolution offered by the Rev. Dr. Jefferys that the Convention views with sympathy and good wishes its organization in this Diocese. Dr. Jefferys explained the high purpose and principles to preserve the sanctity of marriage and to direct and bring up children in the Christian Life.

The Mothers' Union was started by a Vicar's wife in a rural English village 55 years ago among a few women of the village. It now has 590,000 members throughout the British Empire.

The Convention apparently having every confidence in the exercise of right judgment by the Diocesan Deputies to General Convention indefinitely postponed any action on the proposed General Convention amendments referred to the Diocese by the 1934 meeting of General Convention in Atlantic City.

The Rev. Richard T. Lyford, however, without any intention of instructing the Deputies or interfering with their free judgment, sought to have the Convention adopt a Resolution requesting the Deputies to introduce legislation at Cincinnati that would not permit a Bishop Suffragan to be eligible for election as a Bishop Coadjutor or as a Bishop in the Diocese in which the Suffragan was serving. This was rejected by a vote of 182 to 125.

During Wednesday morning's session the Rev. Dr. Washburn directed attention to what he described as fine reports of the work of our City Mission and of Galilee Mission. Dr. Washburn deplored the fact that under the rules of the Convention neither Dr. William H. Jefferys nor Mr. George W. Wilkins had a right of membership in Convention. Upon his motion the following Resolution was adopted:

"That the Committee on Canons be requested to prepare an amendment to Canon II, Section 8, or make some other provision touching the right of membership in the Convention whereby the Superintendents of the City Mission and the Galilee and Inasmuch Missions, may be admitted to membership."

Dr. Washburn also directed attention to the honor conferred upon Mr. Wilkins in being made the recipient of this year's Bok Award, an honor which, Dr. Washburn added, was richly deserved by the great record of service to the community so freely given by Mr. Wilkins, one of our own Churchmen. On motion of Dr. Washburn the Convention went on record as expressing its happiness that the honor was conferred on Mr. Wilkins.

Dr. Washburn also entered a protest against what he termed was the valuable time of Convention consumed in reading and discussing some of the reports that had already been printed and distributed among the Deputies. He offered the following Resolution which was adopted:

"That the Committee on Dispatch be requested to prepare an additional Rule of Order whereby our sessions may be shortened by limiting the minutes to be allotted to any one speaker discussing printed Reports submitted to the members in advance."

Early in Tuesday's session, the Rev. Dr. James A. Montgomery, chairman of the Committee on Commemoration of the 150th Anniversary of the Consecration of Bishop William White and Bishop Samuel Provoost, presented his report. Upon its completion Dr. Montgomery was the recipient of the Convention's appreciation of his leadership in the form of a Resolution complimenting him on the efficient, thorough, and successful discharge of his duties.

The Convention finally completed its work shortly after 1.00 P. M. on Wednesday, and adjourned.

The Balloting for Offices at Diocesan Convention

Following the Organization of the Convention the rules provide that nominations may be made from the floor for all offices. Nominations which had been made previously in the return of the Preliminary Ballot showed that ten names had been placed in nominations for Clerical Deputies to General Convention and six names for Lay Deputies. The names of two of the latter, it was announced on the floor of the Convention, had withdrawn their names. When nominations from the floor were called for a number of additional names, other than those previously nominated, were submitted for both Clerical and Lay Deputies to Cincinnati.

Before proceeding to any balloting the Secretary was directed to cast the ballot for those offices where no more than the requisite number of names had been placed in nomination. As only the requisite number of names had been placed in nomination for Lay Members of The Standing Committee the five incumbents were re-elected: Messrs. William P. Barba, William H. DuBarry, Spencer Ervin, Samuel F. Houston and Parker S. Williams. This left the choice of the five Clerical Members of The Standing Committee to be made from a field of eight nominees, and necessitated submission to a ballot.

Only the requisite number of names had been placed in nomination for Clerical Members of the Executive Council. The Secretary's ballot disposed of these and the Revs. James M. Collins, Richard T. Lyford, James M. Niblo, William N. Parker, Louis W. Pitt and C. E. Snowden, all of whom are incumbents, were re-elected. Seven nominations for the six Lay Members of the Executive Council necessitated submission of the whole number of Lay nominees to a ballot.

Other offices filled by the Secretary's ballot, in each instance being those now filing the offices, were: Trustees of the Endowment for the Episcopate, Directors of the Church Foundation, Canons of the Cathedral, Church Advocate, Board of Triers, Clerical Members of Diocesan Library, Trustees of the Christmas Fund, Treasurer of the Christmas Fund and Treasurer of the Diocese.

It was necessary to ballot for Laymen to serve as Commissary for six years, and for three Laymen to serve three years on the Diocesan Library Board. For Commissary, Mr. Clinton Rogers Woodruff was elected. For the Diocesan Library Board, Messrs. T. S. Clement, William Ives Rutter, Jr., and Mr. Clinton Rogers Woodruff.

Balloting for the offices in which there were contests began Tuesday after the Deputies had been regaled by the luncheon provided by the Committee on Arrangements. The first ballot taken returned a concurrent majority for all but one of the Clerical Members of The Standing Committee, those elected on this ballot being, the Revs. N. B. Groton, E. M. Jefferys, Franklin Joiner and James O. McIlhenny. Before proceeding to a second ballot for the remaining Clerical Member of the Standing Committee, the Rev. Dr. Louis C. Washburn withdrew his name, urging the election of the Rev. Dr. George G. Bartlett. Dr. Bartlett was chosen. With the exception of Mr. Groton all chosen are present members.

On the first ballot five received the concurrent vote for Lay Members of the Executive Council; those chosen being Messrs. Robert C. Belleville, 3rd; E. Osborne Coats, C. C. Morris, Joshua Ash Pearson and Clinton Rogers Woodruff. This left one more to be chosen.

It was evident when the first ballot for Deputies to the General Convention was announced that there was a wide variety of choice for the four Clerical Deputies. Only one nominee in this list received a concurrent vote, the Rev. Wallace E. Conkling. Three Laymen received the concurrent vote, leaving one more to be voted for. The Laymen chosen on this first ballot were Messrs. Spencer Ervin, Samuel F. Houston and Reed A. Morgan. A second ballot resulted in no election for the other Clerical Deputies to General Convention, or for the remaining Lay Deputy.

At this point the Convention realized that it would be impossible to complete its work in the single day. Some of the Convention Deputies were leaving. The Committee on Dispatch of Business had tentatively planned for a night session in preparing the program of the Convention. Apparently it was doubtful if the delegates would be in a mood to continue sitting through for a night session, and the Rev. James N. Niblo, Chairman of the Committee, moved that the Convention recess at 5.30 P. M. to meet on Wednesday at 10 A. M., and that before recessing, another, the third, ballot, be taken. This resulted in no election.

When Wednesday morning arrived there was a decrease in the number of delegates present. The fourth ballot resulted in Mr. Osborne Coates receiving the concurrent vote for Lay Deputy, and completed the selection of the four Lay Deputies. There was still no election for the Clerical Deputies. Prior to the delegates proceeding to a fifth ballot, several of the Clergy who had been voted for from the beginning withdrew their names. The fifth ballot gave the Rev. James M. Niblo and the Rev. Howard R. Weir the concurrent vote. There was yet one more Clerical Deputy to be chosen, and on the sixth ballot the Rev. Dr. Charles W. Schreiner received the concurrent vote.

As finally determined the Clerical and Lay Deputies who will represent the Diocese at General Convention are:

Clerical: Revs. Wallace E. Conkling, James M. Niblo, Charles W. Shreiner and Howard R. Weir.

Lay: Messrs. Spencer Ervin, E. Osborne Coates, Samuel F. Houston and Reed A. Morgan.

With the Clerical and Lay Deputies elected the Convention proceeded to the election of Clerical and Lay Alternates. Those elected were:

Clerical Alternates: Revs. Malcolm E. Peabody, Louis W. Pitt, Granville Taylor and Charles E. Tuke.

Lay Alternates: Messrs. Clarence L. Harper, William G. Price, Charles B. Rockey and Louis B. Runk.

REV. JOHN W. NORRIS NAMED TO COMMISSION ON MUSIC OF GENERAL CONVENTION

Rev. John W. Norris, Rector of St. Luke's Church, Bustleton, and a member of the Diocesan Commission on Church Music, has been appointed a member of the Joint Commission on Music of General Convention by the Rt. Rev. James DeWolf Perry, Presiding Bishop of the Church. The appointment has been ratified by the Rev. Dr. Z. B. T. Phillips, presiding officer of the House of Deputies. Rev. Mr. Norris is Church Music Editor for the *Living Church.*

FEDERAL WORKS PROGRESS WORKERS PAY HIGH TRIBUTE TO WHITEMARSH RECTOR

For eighteen months during 1936 and the present year the dining room of the Parish House of St. Thomas' Church, Whitemarsh, has been used as a headquarters for the men employed on a Federal Works Progress Administration project, the widening of Bethlehem Pike. Upon completion of the project, the following letter of appreciation was sent to the Rev. N. B. Groton, Rector of St. Thomas, on behalf of the workers. It was signed by the General Foreman, the Divisional Timekeeper, the Head Timekeeper, the First Aid Man, the Skilled Foreman, and two other Timekeepers

The letter read:

"Dear Rev. Sir:

"We, the undersigned, sincerely desire to offer you our deepest thanks for your

characteristic kindness to us, whilst we labored in your district during the years 1936 and 1937.

"We fully recognize that not every man in your sacred calling would have taken an interest in our behalf, and have considered our position by making our abode pleasantly as you did. Through your kind interest and Christian concern for the needy, we were sheltered from the weather and harbored from the cold.

"We all firmly believe that Almighty God will in His good time, recognize your goodness and kindness to your fellow-man when the final reckoning arrives.

"In conclusion we all desire to express the wish of a good Irishman: viz., that after all accounts and reckonings are settled, 'may you be in Heaven ten thousand years before the Divil finds out you're dead.'"

PLANS FOR JUNE RETREATS FOR PRIESTS, FOR LAYMEN AND WOMEN ANNOUNCED

The Rev. Dr. Thomas Burgess, Secretary for the Diocese of Pennsylvania of the National Retreat Association, announces that arrangements have been completed for this year's Diocesan Retreats. As on the last occasion, there will be one for Priests, one for Laymen and one for Women.

Again the Church of The Holy Trinity, Rittenhouse Square, offers the hospitality of its Holiday House at Sellersville for the Retreats. This commodious house and rustic chapel on a lovely wooded hill-top, thirty miles up the Bethlehem Pike, proved ideal for the three Retreats held there last September. Responses to the preliminary notices for the coming Retreats, Dr. Burgess says, have shown interest and increasing appreciation in the Retreat Movement.

Following are the dates of the various Retreats, together with the names of the organizers or directors to whom requests for registration should be sent:

Priests' Retreat: Monday, 6 P. M., June 7 to Friday, 8 A. M., June 11; Director, Rev. Thomas Burgess, D.D., Wyncote, Pa.

Laymen's Retreat: Friday, 6 P. M., June 11, to Sunday, 4 P. M., June 13; Director, Mr. E. Leroy Van Roden, Media, Pa.

Women's Retreat: Tuesday, 5 P. M., June 15, to Friday, 8 A. M., June 18; Director, Mrs. Charles Hunsicker, Fort Washington, Pa.

The Rev. Edward H. Schlueter, Vicar of St. Luke's Chapel of Trinity Parish, New York, is to be the Conductor of the Priests' Retreat. Conductors of the Laymen's Retreat and the Retreat for Women will be announced later.

DIRECTORS OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION APPOINTED TO SERVE IN TWO PARISHES

Since the last issue of THE CHURCH NEWS, announcement has been made of the filling of two vacancies in the office of Director of Religious Education in two parishes.

Miss Dorothy May Fischer, Secretary for Young People's Work on the staff of the National Department of Religious Education, resigned that post last month to become Director of the Parish Educational Program at St. Paul's, Chestnut Hill. Miss Fischer assumed her new duties April 20.

Miss Dorothy Scott comes to St. Mary's, Ardmore, June 1. Miss Scott for several years was Director of Religious Education at Christ Church, Cincinnati, in the Southern Ohio Diocese. She left there to take a year's work at Teachers' College, Columbia University, which she is completing before taking up her new work at St. Mary's. Miss Scott succeeds to the vacancy at St. Mary's due to the resignation several months ago of Mrs. Stanley Rogers.

At St. Paul's, Chestnut Hill, Miss Fischer succeeds Miss Hilda Shaul, who resigned some time ago to become Director of Religious Education in the Diocese of Southern Ohio. Before coming to the National Department of Religious Education, Miss Fischer had done Young People's Work in the Diocese of Texas and the province of the Southwest. During her service at national headquarters Miss Fischer sought coordination of Young People's Work. Instead of attempting a single organization, Miss Fischer set up the Council of Representatives of Youth Organizations.

PREPARING CHURCH SCHOOL FOR REAL UNDERSTANDING OF "DRAMA OF MISSIONS"

Under the direction of the Rev. J. Jarden Guenther, the Church School of Trinity Parish, Swarthmore, has been preparing its scholars for an understanding interest in the "Drama of Missions" that is to be presented under the auspices of the Bishop and the Missionary Research Committee of the Diocese in September.

Various types of Church work are being presented. Mr. Albert C. Wilcox, of Chester, has told of his experiences among the Southern mountaineers; Miss Betty Walker described the life of Chinese children. Incidentally, Miss Walker is the daughter of Mr. M. P. Walker, Treasurer of the Chinese Diocese of Kiangsu, in the Missionary District of Shanghai. Mrs. Thomas A. Meryweather gave an interesting description, illustrated with photographs and other pictures, of the Church's work in Eastern Oregon. The Rector on Friday afternoons spoke on the Church's work in the Philippines, also among the Negroes and in Japan.

Once a week the children met for "Project Work." The boys made a church building out of a box, and the girls modeled in clay an Altar, Lectern and Pulpit. One class of girls made miniature hangings for the modeled church; another embroidered a set of violet hangings for the Church School Altar and Lectern, together with violet markers for the Bible. The classes in embroidery were directed by Mrs. A. Ludlow Clayden, Directress of the Altar Chapter.

Preparation of the Lessons was done by Mrs. Meryweather, Mrs. Winifred Pope and Mrs. Elizabeth Mosely. The latter was formerly Dean of Women at Hamlin College. The school used the booklet, "Come and See," and followed that course with the one "Go and Tell."

Through the Rev. Mr. Guenther the following outline of the Lessons as they were prepared is published:

First Lesson: Beginnings—Descent of Holy Spirit. Church at Jerusalem—Peter and John, Philip—Samaria and Caesarea. The first "Laying on of Hands."

Second Lesson: Journeys of St. Paul and his companions. (A brief story of Saul's early life and training was taught.) Journeys checked and places marked on map.

Third Lesson: Spread of Christianity through Europe. St. Patrick to Ireland; St. Augustine to England; Winfrid (St. Boniface) to Germany. Establishment of the Church of England in America at Jamestown. Missionary societies organized in 1699 and 1701. Domestic and Foreign Mission Society incorporated in 1820. National Council in 1919.

Fourth Lesson: Alaska. (A member of Trinity Parish was for many years a worker in Alaska.)

Fifth Lesson: Diocesan Missions. Speaker, Miss Eleanor A. Deane, Diocesan Worker Among Italians.

Sixth Lesson: China.

Seventh Lesson: Japan.

Eighth Lesson: Latin America.

Ninth Lesson: Liberia, Philippines, Hawaii, East India.

Tenth Lesson: Domestic Missions. (Mountaineers, Indians, Orientals in U. S., Western U. S., Negroes in America.)

Final Session: Missionary Pageant. (Four classes to be responsible for this project; one for the text, one for the costumes; one for scenery and one for selection of appropriate musical settings.)

The Drama of Missions

The Drama of Missions is moving steadily forward. The director of the Pageant, Mr. Percy Jewett Burrell, addressed the Diocesan Convention on Tuesday morning, May 4th, outlining the action of the Drama.

A preliminary rehearsal of the choral group was held in St. James Church on Tuesday evening, May 4th. And on Thursday evening, May 6, in the same church the mobilization meeting of all the participants and committee members was held, with about five hundred present.

It was rather fitting that this meeting should be held in St. James', for this was the first church in the Anglican Communion in modern times to hold a pageant or mystery play in the church itself. This was in 1916, shortly after Dr. Mockridge had assumed the rectorship of St. James.

Dr. Charles W. Shreiner, enlistment director for the pageant, conducted the opening devotions, and then read the Pageant Charter, after which he presented Dr. Grafton Burke, of Fort Yukon, Alaska. Among other things in his address Dr. Burke said, "one looks around here and one senses a strange and peculiar lack of interest in Missions except for certain places and real doubts as to the worth of our Lord's work in far-off places, but there are those who are able to give to Missions and there are problems our Churches want to face, and work to carry on. Still more, I am sorry to say, there is most amazing ignorance. It recently was told me by a parson that he was not interested in our medical work in Arctic Alaska because it was in Canada and therefore under the Church of England!!

"Let us go on a steamer and go up the Yukon and turn and go to the Arctic Circle to the Church that looms before us at Fort Yukon and which is north of the Arctic Circle; to the land of the Midnight Sun. So many take the excursion to the land of the Midnight Sun and when they arrive they swarm in a body, no matter what time it happens to be, as it is light. They walk into our Church building; they see the Clinic; see the drugs, the surgical and medical clinic; the operating room, the obstetric room; now the little nursery and children's room; they see a man come from the Cancer ward—there are doctors, travellers, and tourists. They tour your Church's institution; they linger with the little sick children 200 miles away. The touching experience is this that they come out with joy shining out of their eyes asking for the privilege of leaving something with which to purchase supplies, etc.; something to make the lives of these people more livable. They give a dollar or five dollars or more.

"Then there is the story of the old man who had been blind for ten years and after removing cataracts received his sight. The first thing that man said was 'I believe in God the Father.'"

THE PAGEANT CHARTER

To All Friends in Jesus Christ, Greetings!

WHEREAS we Christians of Today enjoy all the Blessings that come to us through the life and sacrifice of our Lord and Saviour, and

WHEREAS in all Christian countries womanhood is reverenced and of equal privilege and opportunity with men, and

WHEREAS all boys and girls have the privilege of education and the chance to grow and develop as God intended them,

THEREFORE we the Christians of Today feel it our bounden duty and obligation to extend to all men and women and boys and girls everywhere, throughout the world, the same Blessings and privileges that we enjoy as followers of Jesus Christ.

BE IT RESOLVED that everyone taking any part in this DRAMA OF MISSIONS, as participant or spectator, will do everything in his power, to extend the Kingdom of God throughout the world.

Dr. Shreiner then presented the director of the Pageant, Mr. Burrell, who described to the audience the way the Drama of Missions is to be presented. Mr. Burrell outlined the plot and pictured certain highly dramatic situations. The purpose of his talk was to give those who were to participate some idea of the magnitude of the undertaking and of the dramatic and musical possibilities it holds. Mr. Burrell is unusually gifted in his ability for colorful descriptions and held the rapt attention of all those present. He was largely aided by the musical director, Mr. Harold W. Gilbert, and the massed chorus of mixed voices, who supplemented the graphic description of the Drama by singing several of the choral numbers. Everyone was thrilled by the beauty of tone and color. The music alone of the Drama is sufficient to insure its success.

Mr. Burrell introduced his staff:

Miss Alice Kraft, Director of Pantomime.

Professor LaMont A. Warner, Art Director and Costume Designer.

Mr. C. Hassler Capron, Lighting and Technical Director.

Mr. Harold W. Gilbert, Director of Music.

Mr. Robert H. Cato, Organist and Assistant Director of Music.

Mr. Newell Robinson, Organist and Assistant Director of Music.

The Rev. N. Herbert Caley, Chief Marshal, Choral Division.

Mrs. Frederick Blatz, Pantomime Chief.

Miss Elizabeth Mockridge, Dramatic Director.

The Rev. Charles H. Long, Properties Chairman.

The Rev. John K. Shryock, Ph.D., Enlistment Secretary and Rehearsals Chairman.

Mrs. Roger Coombs, Director, Costume Workshop.

A great deal of enthusiasm was engendered by the meeting, and as all left they were determined to do all they could to promote the efficiency of the performance to be rendered on September 26th.

The Committee on Missionary Research is very much encouraged by the reports coming in from Cincinnati concerning the progress being made for rehearsals on the part of those who are to present it before the General Convention.

O gracious Father of mankind,
Our spirit's unseen Friend,
High heaven's Lord, our heart's dear Guest,
To Thee our prayers ascend.
Thou dost not wait till human speech
Thy gifts divine implore;
Our dreams, our aims, our work, our lives,
Are prayers Thou lovest more.

—HENRY HALLAM TWEEDY.

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THE BISHOP'S ADDRESS

The Bishop's comprehensive report of the state of the Diocese was most encouraging to those who heard it and to the vastly larger number who read the too meagre reports of it in the newspapers. It is a pity that the Convention does not rent time from one of the broadcasting companies so that the Bishop's voice could be carried to every Church family in the Diocese. Nothing would do more to unify the Diocese and to stimulate interest in the work of the Convention.

THE FEET OF THE YOUNG MEN

One who attends the Diocesan Convention regularly for a few years cannot help but be impressed with the vast preponderance of middle-aged and older men on the important committees to which most of the business of the Church is entrusted. It is not unusual for the average age of some of these bodies to reach as high as sixty or even sixty-six. And that not because there are not enough young men to share the offices but because of the old Philadelphia propensity to think of change as synonymous with decay and to sacrifice advancement for stability.

Now, far be it from anyone to approve the vicious practice of the world which refuses to employ men over forty, or to place any limit upon the length of time a man should serve upon a committee, or to set an age at which one should retire. It is much too hard now for the Clergy who have passed forty or fifty to find a Parish, and every middle-aged parson knows how Sapphira must have felt when she heard the ominous words of St. Peter warning her that the feet of the young men were at the door, for he knows that the feet of the young men are pressing hard upon him in the race and that age is a great handicap to him. But it would surely add to the aggressiveness of the Church in its Diocesan work if there were a more judicious mixture of *all* ages on our important committees.

There is a board in the Diocese that, thank God! is always inactive, called the Board of Triers. These twenty distinguished gentlemen are carefully chosen from among three hundred Clergy, not only because of their profound knowledge of the law and their rectitude, impartiality and incorruptibility, but because they also meet the requirement of being seasoned by ten years in Orders. Why cannot we apply this same principle in reverse, and specify that one-fourth or one-fifth of each large committee be *less* than ten years in the Ministry? It might work wonders.

IMPROVED METHODS OF VOTING

Though this editorial is being written before the Convention has balloted, it is practically certain that the year 1937 will give us one more exhibition of the urgent necessity for an improvement in our methods of voting. Elections in the Diocese of Pennsylvania are often so long-drawn out that they defeat the chief purpose of an election, the expression of the will of all the people. Many of those eligible to vote grow so tired of the delay in counting the ballots that they leave the Convention before the decisive ballot is taken, and in their absence a minority, who have the leisure or the determination to remain to the end of a tiresome day, elect the men of their choice. It matters not that these minority-elected officials are often better than the majority would have chosen: that result could be obtained even more successfully by a wise dictator. We are seeking majority choices in a democratic assembly, and we don't always get them. The representation of minorities is another matter.

Until we have proportionate representation minorities will usually not be represented at all. As to whether they should be represented or the majority should have all the spoils, there is a difference of opinion; but certainly all are agreed that the majority should have some representation. And any method, whatever its virtues, that fails to accomplish majority-rule because it imposes an unnecessary obstacle to the expression of the popular will, is defective in a democracy. Good government is no substitute for self-government.

Years ago many cities and states faced with the same situation introduced such remedies as the Hare system of the preferential ballot and proportional representation, and some allowed their citizens to vote by mail. We have tried the preferential ballot in the Diocese without success. But our failure was not so much a condemnation of the method as of ourselves. If large cities with multitudes of ignorant voters can use it, surely such a body of picked men of high intelligence as our delegates, should be able with patience to make a success of that method. But whether voting by mail, or by preferential ballot, or by the short ballot, or by Diocesan voting machines, some way should be devised of expediting elections. The ancient Greeks expressed their preferences much more quickly and accurately with little shells than we with sixteen-inch ballots.

A NEW KIND OF EVANGELISM

In one large English Diocese, almost by accident, a new and very hopeful method of Evangelism has been discovered by a band of men and women, who, like Saul of old, found something much more precious than they sought. Saul, seeking his father's asses, found a kingdom, and these visitors, seeking a penny a week from every nominal Church of England family, not only raised $35,000 a year, but also found a kingdom of souls who were won to the Church by the discussion which followed the request for a penny.

Bishop David, of Liverpool, says that in this Diocese an attempt has begun to approach all who would call themselves "members of the Church of England" but make use of its ministrations only when it suits them to do so, for Baptism, Marriage, Burial, etc. For this purpose an appeal was made for lay-people to visit such folk and ask for a penny a week. The results were surprising; for the 3,000 visitors who undertook the task found that the response far exceeded their expectations, not only in money but in other ways. "Men who would not think of attending a mission service, or of accepting a casual tract, are welcoming friendly visits from messengers who neither force their views with authority nor urge them by emotional appeal, but are prepared to discuss the great questions frankly and humbly, as fellow-seekers of God and His truth. They are supplied with a series of short letters from the Bishop designed to open such discussions. It may seem a queer way of evangelism to begin by asking a man for a penny, but there is no doubt of its effectiveness so far."

Could such a band of penny evangelists be organized in Pennsylvania? We need both 35,000 more dollars and 35,000 more souls.

CITY MISSION CHAPLAIN POINTS TO OPPORTUNITY AT THE SLEIGHTON FARM

About five miles beyond Media is located an institution known as Sleighton Farm. It is here that one of the finest pieces of work imaginable is being done for the restoration and training of girls between the ages of twelve and twenty-one; and in that training religion is one of the important factors. Deaconess Ward, of the City Mission Staff, gives her whole time to the work both of the Farm and in visiting girls who have gone out. Your City Mission Chaplain has a Choral Eucharist there every Sunday at 11 o'clock, and an additional Eucharist for communions every first Friday of the month at 7 o'clock for our own group of Church girls, which numbers over a hundred.

There are in all over four hundred and twenty-five girls at the Farm, and some eighty to ninety women staff members. They live in stone cottages, which are most attractive and homelike; they have a fine school—although not quite adequate in size for the number of girls—and a frame hall which is used for all assembly purposes. It is in this hall that we have to hold our religious services—a make-shift at the best. Oh, how badly we need a chapel, and what an opportunity for someone to give a real worthwhile memorial. Surely there are those who, if they only knew the need, would be more than glad to meet it. Such a chapel would stand as a living and perpetual prayer to Almighty God for light and blessing and peace upon the souls of those in whose memory it is given.

God in His wisdom knows who can and will build such a Chapel, but He waits upon us to pray earnestly that the heart or hearts of such a one or ones may be touched.

Will not *every one* of you who reads this article kindly cut out and say the following prayer *daily?*

O Almighty God, we beseech Thee to put it into the hearts of Thy faithful servants to give the funds for a house of worship at Sleighton Farm to the glory and praise of Thy Holy Name and the advancement of Thy Kingdom. We ask it through the merits and mediation of Thy Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.

N. B.—As the result of an article last year we have received to date $72 towards the Chapel building.

Bishop Taitt confirmed a class of 16 on Sunday afternoon, May 2.

Rev. A. M. Smith.

ST. ANDREW BROTHERHOOD IN JAPAN PLANNING WORLD CONFERENCE IN YEAR 1940

Announcement of plans for calling an International Conference of Brotherhoods of St. Andrew throughout the world, to be held in Tokyo during 1940, have been received from the National Council headquarters of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew in Japan. Two years ago at the Annual Leadership Training Conference of the Brotherhood in Japan plans for an International Conference in Tokyo to mark the Tenth Anniversary of the Brotherhood in Japan were discussed. The matter was not definitely decided at this Conference.

Last year plans were announced for a World's Fair or Exposition to be held in Tokyo to mark the 2600th Anniversary of the foundation of the Japanese Empire. Subsequently, in November of last year, it was definitely decided to hold the International Conference. After securing the assurance of co-operation of a number of public and governmental organizations and agencies, the latest announcement states that at a meeting at the Brotherhood headquarters, held on March 16, last, the Conference will be held either in May or June of 1940. The exact time, it was stated, will be decided a year hence. The officials of the Tokyo World's Fair have already placed at the Japan Brotherhood's command the facilities of the Hall of Education and Religion for the 1940 Conference.

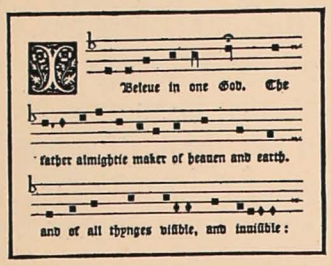
The general program of the Conference, the announcement says, will include welcome events, certain Corporate Services and Conference meetings dealing with the Missionary enterprise of the whole Church, then a program of sightseeing, visiting all centers of work in the Church and cultural projects.

THE CHURCH FOUNDATION HOLDS ANNUAL MEETING

At the Annual Meeting of the Church Foundation held May 12th, the Rev. Francis C. Hartshorne, was elected to the office of Executive Vice-President, and re-elected Corresponding Secretary. The office of Executive Vice-President is a newly created office. Persons having matters to take up with the Church Foundation should see or write to Mr. Hartshorne at his office, Room 600, Provident Trust Company building, 17th and Chestnut Streets, Philadelphia. All the present officers and Directors were re-elected at the May 12th meeting.

NAMED TO CHAIRMANSHIP OF RED CROSS COMMITTEE

Mr. George W. Wilkins, Executive Director of the Galilee Mission, and recipient of this year's Bok Award, has been appointed Chairman of the Home Service Committee of the Southeastern Pennsylvania Chapter of the Red Cross. Announcement of Mr. Wilkins' appointment was made by Mr. Blackwell Newhall, the new Chairman of the Southeastern Chapter. Mr. Wilkins has been a member of the Red Cross Board of Directors since 1932 and has served continuously as a member of the Committee of which he is now Chairman.



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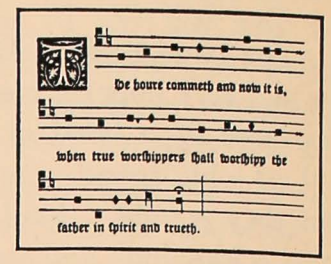

Our Diocesan Commission on Music at General Convention

By the REV. JOHN W. NORRIS

A program of activities to be given at General Convention in the interest of better Church Music has been prepared by the Commission on Music of the Diocese. The plans and program evolved by the Commission were presented to the Joint Commission on Music of General Convention at a meeting held on April 23rd in Boston, and have received the hearty approval of that body. This will be the first time, to the extent of our knowledge, that there has been a program with this objective planned for General Convention.

Members of the Diocesan Commission have been making plans for such a program during the past winter. It was felt, however, that no formal announcement could be made or active work carried on until the approval of the Joint Commission had been received. With that approval given, the committee in charge of this venture is actively engaged in making the necessary preparations.

The program calls for two projects. The first is to be a booth in which will be displayed sample copies of music of all types, choral and instrumental, suitable for use in our services. This will, of course, include on the choral side, music for the Holy Communion, Canticles for Morning and Evening Prayer, Anthems, settings of Versicles and Responses, etc. There will be examples of Plainsong as well as the modern harmonized settings.

It is the plan of the Commission to have the copies of the modern harmonized settings carefully graded and classified. It is purposed to use and recommend only anthems whose texts are taken from Scripture, the Prayer Book, or the Hymnal, or texts which are close paraphrases of selections from these sources. On the technical side the music will be separated into various classifications. These will include unison numbers, compositions designed for men's and for women's voices, and compositions that are suitable for a well-balanced choir capable of doing four-part work. They will be graded not alone with respect to difficulty of rendition for the singers, but also as to the accompaniment that has been provided. Thus, the visitors will be able to see sample copies of works which would be suitable for their own use at home without going through a multitude of numbers in which they would not be interested. A further classification will indicate what numbers are appropriate for the various seasons of the Church year.

Following the work of sorting, grading and classifying these compositions, a list will be drawn up containing titles, names of composers, publishers and such other information as will be useful to persons wishing to select music. These lists will be published and distributed to visitors without charge.

Another important feature of the booth will be a display of books dealing with Church Music which have received the approbation of the Diocesan Commission. A bibliography also is being prepared which will be published and distributed without charge. In connection with the book display there will be space provided for displaying hymns and hymnals for Church schools.

One of the most important features of the booth, it is hoped, will be the demonstration of Church Music by means of phonograph records. It is planned to have records made, which will show the possibilities in the rendition of some of the samples of music on display. It is felt that by this method the ear, as well as the eye, will be appealed to, and that visitors will be in a better position to talk on the subject upon their return to their homes.

Some member of the Commission will be present in the booth at all times to consult with visitors and, if possible, advise them upon methods by which the music in their Parishes may be improved.

The second important feature of the program calls for an Institute on Church Music to be conducted during the first ten days of Convention. The Commission hopes to have an hour appointed on six of the days in which speakers of national reputation will address the persons who are interested, upon different phases of Church Music. Included in the Institute would be lectures upon some of the following subjects:

- What is good and bad in Church Music, and why
- Hymns and hymn tunes
- Service building
- The use of the organ in the Church service
- The Choral Service
- The value of Junior choirs, and their training
- Plainsong hymns and chants
- Anglican chanting
- Unison music
- Congregational singing

The selection of subjects will in a real sense be dependent upon the ability of the Commission to obtain the services of outstanding men who are qualified to speak on these several subjects. Since provision must be made for major events at Convention, it was deemed best not to attempt to hold any group meetings on either the opening day nor on Saturdays. It is felt that such meetings would be of real interest to visitors at Convention who are desirous of knowing more about the subject of Church Music.

The plans outlined above are the work of the Commission and particularly of the Convention Committee. The first suggestion of such a program was made by Harold W. Gilbert, Chairman of the Commission, shortly after the 1934 General Convention in Atlantic City. The matter was discussed at some length and recently a committee consisting of Mr. Gilbert, Rev. H. B. Satcher and Rev. J. W. Norris, was appointed to develop the idea.

The financing of such a venture presented no small obstacle in the path of the Commission, as all of the work which it has done has been self-supporting. In order to carry out this new program it was necessary to obtain the support of interested persons, and the publishers of Church Music were approached with the plan. To date, three publishers have consented to sponsor the plan and it is hoped that others will assist. The three who at the time of writing have indicated a willingness to assist are the Theodore Presser Co. of Philadelphia, H. W. Gray & Co. of New York, and the C. C. Birchard Co. of Boston.

The New Organ at St. Mark's, Philadelphia

By G. Donald Harrison

The new Organ in St. Mark's Church, which is the subject of the ensuing article by its designer and builder, Mr. Harrison, Technical Director of the Aeolian-Skinner Organ Co., Boston, is a noteworthy addition to the list of Church instruments in America. The Organ was Blessed by the Rector of the Parish on Easter Day at the beginning of the 11 o'clock service, and was the gift of an anonymous donor.—Ed.

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The classic type of Church Organ reached its highest development in the late seventeenth and early eighteenth centuries, particularly in Germany, where the instrument was built more completely in all its departments, including the Pedal division, than in other countries. These instruments were characterized by great clarity and a rich complexity of tone which made for grandeur and majesty, without having recourse to individually loud and thick-toned stops, which have been the source of power in so many modern organs.

These desirable features were brought about partly by the use of low wind pressures which imparted a mellowness and refinement especially desirable for the accompaniment of voices, and partly by the presence of a large number of compound and mutation stops in relation to the fundamental tones which gave a clarity similar to that obtained by a string quartet and therefore ideal for the contrapuntal music of the great Church musicians culminating in the work of J. S. Bach.

In the new organ at St. Mark's Church, these fundamentally correct theories of organ design have been utilized to the fullest extent. Certain modern voices, such as strings and chorus reeds, have been included, but in a modified form, so as to be in keeping with the classic tone structure.

The new instrument consists of Great, Swell, Positiv, Bombarde, Choir and Pedal departments and the old Screen and String organs, which have been retained after suitable revoicing.

The Great Organ, which is entirely unenclosed and placed in a prominent position, contains a very complete Diapason Chorus, including eleven ranks of Mixtures, all the stops being voiced on low wind pressure. The various ranks are so graded that a very gradual build-up is possible, while the full ensemble is of great brilliance and fullness without any trace of harshness. This section forms the backbone of the entire instrument.

The Swell Organ is dominated by a Reed and Mixture Chorus, the reeds being of a modified French type on medium pressure and so voiced as to blend perfectly with the flue work and without undue prominence. This Reed and Mixture Chorus forms an ensemble which is in direct contrast to that of the Great Organ. In addition, the Swell contains an independent Diapason family based on Geigen tone, also soft string and flute work and independent mutation stops.

The unenclosed Positiv Organ is situated immediately behind the iron grille above the organ console. It is a department of classic tonal pattern and contains a complete chorus of mutation stops and mixtures voiced on the extremely low wind pressure of 2½", and arranged so that the 4-foot fundamental tone is emphasized rather than the 8 foot. The general tone quality is sparkling and bright, and yet extremely refined. The wealth of mutation work makes possible an almost unlimited number of synthetic colors of great beauty and of a kind which are peculiar to the organ. A division of this nature is practically indispensible for the effective playing of the greatest organ works and is also invaluable for accompanimental purposes.

The Choir Organ which is enclosed in a separate expression box contains broad-toned strings and delicate flutes suitable for accompanimental and solo uses. There is an 8-foot French Trompette, and the 16-foot Krummhorn was specially designed for this organ. This interesting and beautiful voice was inspired by some of the old German models found in the Baroque Organs of the seventeenth century.

The Bombarde Organ contains a family of chorus reeds of the type usually found on the Great Organ in a modern instrument. They have been placed on a separate keyboard and under expression, so that they may be both under control and used in contrast to the flute chorus of the Great Organ.

The Pedal Organ of the modern instrument usually consists of one or two 16-foot Flutes and a Reed extended up to form 8 and 4 foot stops, but in the St. Mark's Organ the Pedal is built up of independent ranks of pipes and contains a complete Diapason Chorus in metal which is comparable to that of the Great Organ. This feature enables a theme or melodic line to be carried in the Bass with equal clarity to one played on the manuals. The use of independent ranks also allows the most desirable tone quality and strength to be imparted to each stop and makes possible a suitable bass for any manual combination without resorting to the use of manual to pedal couplers. In addition to the Pedal chorus, solo flutes of 8-foot, 4-foot and 2-foot pitches have been provided, together with suitable strings and a complete family of Reeds from thirty-two feet to four feet.

There are over 4200 pipes in the instrument, and all those of metal are particularly rich in tin. The pipes of the Positiv Organ and all the manual Mixtures are made from 90 per cent tin and 10 per cent lead.

The Console is a beautiful piece of mechanism and contains a very complete set of controls. There are 103 stop-knobs, 32 coupler tablets, and 73 pistons. The combination action is of the remote control type, ensuring quick and quiet operation.

SECOND ANNUAL VOLUNTEER CHOIR CONTEST IS CALLED FOR SATURDAY, JUNE 12TH

The Second Annual Volunteer Choir contest for the Diocese of Pennsylvania will be held on Saturday afternoon, June 12, 1937, in the Church of St. James, 22nd and Walnut Streets. The contest is sponsored by the Diocesan Commission on Music.

Some slight changes have been made in the plans for this year's contest, particularly with reference to the organ playing. Last year the registration of the organ was established by the organist members of the Commission and the organists required to play with only such stops as had been set up. This year each organist will be permitted to set up the registration of the organ to best suit the needs of his choir.

Another change has been to establish one anthem for all choirs to sing. Last year choice was given for a part anthem or a unison anthem. Since all of the choirs but one selected the part anthem, it was deemed advisable to select a part anthem this year. A fourth number has been added, however, since one of the canticles will be sung, as well as the anthem, hymn and chant.

The judges will again be headed by Dr. Alexander Matthews, of Philadelphia. Efforts are being made to obtain two competent men from other cities to assist in this work.

Winners of first place in the contest will be awarded the Bishop's plaque, upon which the name of the Church will be engraved, and which will be held for one year. St. Mark's Church, Frankford, won the plaque last year, thus being the first to hold it.

The Bishop's Annual Message to the Convention

Commemorations of Great Events Are Held

In 1937, no less than in 1936, there were Commemorations of great events in the history of our Church and Nation. As the Colonies became an independent Nation, the Church felt that it wanted what belonged to every independent Nation—an independent branch of the Catholic Church. This our Mother Church magnanimously granted to us, when on February 4, 1787, Archbishop Moore, of Canterbury, and Archbishop Markham, of York, and attendant Bishops, laid their hands on William White, of Philadelphia, and Samuel Provoost, of New York, and duly Consecrated them to the Episcopate.

The 150th Anniversary of this was duly celebrated both in Philadelphia and in New York. In New York a great service was held in St. Paul's Chapel, when a notable sermon was preached by a Presbyter of this Diocese, the Rev. Dr. Leicester C. Lewis, and an address made by the Bishop of New York.

At 11 A. M. in St. Peter's Church, Philadelphia, the Presiding Bishop was Celebrant and the sermon was preached by the Bishop of the Diocese. Addresses were also made at a luncheon in St. James's Parish Building and by the Chancellor of the Diocese at a dinner in the Hall of the American Philosophical Society. At night in Old Christ Church a notable and brilliant service was held with addresses by the Presiding Bishop and by the Bishop of New York. A memorable address was also made by the President of the Church Historical Society, the Rev. Walter Herbert Stowe. At this service the Bishop of New York presented to our Diocese Bishop White's cane and photograph. The cane brought back memories of my early connection with St. Peter's Church. The Convocational System had just been adopted and the first public service of the Southeastern Convocation was held in Old St. Peter's Church. Mr. John Welsh, our former Minister to England, was asked to give a paper reminiscent of his early days at St. Peter's and his memories of Bishop White. He spoke of the simplicity of our great Presiding Bishop. He said, "I have often seen him come into the Church from the street; and putting his cane in the corner of the Chancel, and his hat on the Communion table, seat himself in the Episcopal Chair.

> " 'And there with mild and unaffected grace
> His looks adorned the venerable place.' "

Early next morning Mr. Davies, the Rector came into the Vestryroom and said, "I have had a great time this morning. Willie Bronson came over in great excitement and asked that the passage be deleted. 'I am sure,' he said, 'that Grandpa would never do such a thing.' So I went to see Mr. Welsh, who said, 'If that disturbs Mr. Bronson, I will cut it out; but I have seen him do it many times.' "

The addresses at these anniversary services will be published in book form and are worthy of careful reading.

Anniversaries Held In Various Parishes

This was a great year for the celebration of anniversaries in various Parishes. At many of these I was present and either preached or made an address.

On May 15th, Advent Church, Kennett Square, celebrated its 50th anniversary with a large Parish dinner at which I was present and addressed the gathering.

On May 16th, Burd School celebrated its 80th anniversary by beautiful tableaux illustrating the Burd family and early history of Philadelphia. It was a joy to be present and make the address.

On May 17th, St. Paul's Church, Elkins Park, celebrated its 75th anniversary with a very large congregation. I was glad to preach the sermon.

On June 10th, St. Barnabas, Kensington, had its 50th anniversary, at which I was the preacher.

On June 11th, St. Barnabas, Haddington, celebrated its 65th anniversary with a large Parish dinner at which I made an address.

On September 26th, Holy Communion Chapel, Philadelphia, celebrated its 50th anniversary at which I was unable to be present.

On October 4th, I preached the 100th anniversary sermon at Emmanuel, Kensington.

On October 7th, St. Simeon's Church celebrated its 50th anniversary.

On October 11th, I preached the sermon at the beginning of a celebration commemorating the 100th anniversary of St. Andrew's Church, Yardley.

On October 18th, I preached the sermon on the 125th anniversary of St. Luke's, Germantown.

On the afternoon of the same day I preached the 50th anniversary sermon at Holy Trinity, Lansdale.

On October 25th, I preached the 75th anniversary sermon at St. Luke's, Bustleton.

On November 2nd, I made an address at the 47th anniversary of All Saints, Norristown.

On November 22nd, I preached at the 85th anniversary of the Granting of the Charter of the Church of The Saviour, Philadelphia.

On the same day, St. Stephen's, Wissahickon, celebrated its 50th anniversary, but I was unable to be present.

On November 29th, I preached at the 50th anniversary of the Church of The Advocate, Philadelphia, the Church in which I was Consecrated.

On November 6th, I made an address at the 25th anniversary of the Rectorship of the Rev. C. Herbert Reese at St. Matthew's Church, Philadelphia.

Five new Rectors were Instituted in their Parishes and we have reason to believe that each is a distinct addition to the strength of the Diocese.

On September 30th, I Instituted the Rev. J. Perry Cox as Rector of St. Paul's Memorial Church, Philadelphia.

On October 11th, I Instituted the Rev. David Holmes as Rector of St. Andrew's Church, West Philadelphia.

On November 11th, I Instituted the Rev. Harvey D. Butterfield as Rector of Christ Church, Media.

On January 1st, I Instituted the Rev. John Q. Martin as Rector of Calvary Church, West Philadelphia.

On February 28th, I Instituted the Rev. William B. Stimson as Rector of St. Mary's Church, Hamilton Village.

There were some notable gifts to Parishes:

Some Notable Gifts Made to Parishes

Christ Church, Upper Merion, received $5,000 for the Endowment Fund, in memory of Mrs. Ella H. Potts.

St. Stephen's Church, Clifton Heights, received $1,000 for an organ in memory of John David Steitz.

Calvary, Conshohocken, received $5,000 for the Endowment Fund in memory of Miss Mary Clark.

Church of Our Saviour, Jenkintown, received $20,000 from the John W. Pepper Estate.

St. John's Church, Lansdowne, has received pledges to reduce its mortgage $18,000.

On May 29th, I dedicated a new Altar in Advent Polish Church.

On June 7th, I dedicated twelve memorial windows in St. John The Evangelist Church, Philadelphia.

On June 21st, in Calvary Church, Rockdale, I dedicated a tablet in memory of Horace S. Griffith, a very old member. On that occasion the family gave the Church a sum sufficient to pay off all its debt.

On January 25th, at Christ Church, Eddington, I dedicated a Chapel and blessed a Parish House.

On March 26th, in Holy Innocents Church, Tacony, I dedicated a new memorial Altar and Reredos; Altar Cross, Altar Desk, Alms Bason and two Chancel Lanterns. On that occasion I preached my 21st consecutive Good Friday sermon in that Church.

We have many Parishes with considerable endowments. If it were not for this income, they could not be conducted as they are. We have certain Institutions in like situation.

Notes Decrease in Purchasing Power of Endowments

Endowments are not intended to excuse giving, but to supplement it. There is nothing certain in this world. Endowments may be lost or the income greatly curtailed, or living conditions become so much more expensive that their purchasing power is less.

This last condition has been emphasized in the past few years and bids fair to be increasingly so in the near future.

Christ Church Hospital apparently had an ample endowment. It built a handsome and commodious Home near Bala. It now has accommodation for twice the size of its family, but not enough income to support that number. Increased endowments or gifts for support would greatly increase its usefulness.

The House of Rest for the Aged is doing a splendid work, but it is handicapped for funds. Its buildings are too small to accommodate those who seek its shelter, and it has not the wherewithal to enlarge.

These are but samples of nearly all of our Institutions. An effort is being made to consolidate some of our Homes. It is believed that we thus would be able to lessen the overhead expenses. The Cathedral Trustees have offered these Institutions part of its ground at cost price.

For many years an Annual Offering was made at Christmas for the aged Clergy and their widows and daughters. These offerings have greatly decreased. In 1920 the offering was $5,000. In 1935 only two Churches contributed, and the amount was $300. Last year the amount was but $270. Because we have a Pension Fund some feel that there is no need of the Christmas Fund. We have many widows and dependent daughters who do not share in the Pension Fund. This Fund was established in 1917. A small amount is paid to those who were Ordained before that time. I believe nothing is given to the families of Clergy who died before that time.

Revival of Annual Offering for Christmas Fund Urged

We have the most pitiful notes from widows and daughters who tell us that what they get from the Christmas Fund is all they have for subsistence. We can only give them between $200 and $300 a year. The number of beneficiaries has greatly increased and the income diminished so that the amount each receives becomes smaller each year. Will not the Churches again take up the Christmas Offering for this purpose and relieve this awful condition?

At confirmation an offering is made in each Parish for the Bishop's Discretionary Fund. Some Parishes do not send us the offering and many of the offerings are very small. From our 230 Parishes and Missions 156 the year before last gave $3,760. Last year 165 Parishes and Missions gave only $3,332.

The Bishop's Discretionary Fund

Sometimes the offering is announced as "The Bishop's Fund," which is rather embarrassing, as it sounds as though the Bishop were asking for himself. Sometimes, no announcement is made. There are many calls made upon the Bishop. Sometimes a Clergyman is distressed and sometimes a Parish is in distress. Sickness will come and it may be necessary to send a Clergyman away for awhile and neither the Clergyman nor his Parish has the funds. In many of our Missions no provision is made for a vacation, so necessary both to Priest and people. I feel quite sure that many of our Parishes do not take the offering seriously.

I want to give to the Philadelphia Divinity School

more than a passing notice. It is very near to my heart, not only as being my Alma Mater, but because of its history and its possibilities. It was one of the Institutions of that great master-builder, Alonzo Potter, and as our Episcopal Hospital is a great monument to his care and thoughtfulness for the human body, and today is one of the finest hospitals in the world, so the Philadelphia Divinity School is a great monument to his thoughtfulness and care for the human soul.

Appeals on Behalf of The Philadelphia Divinity School

The Clergy who care for human souls ought to be carefully trained in "the truth as it is in Jesus." We do not want an ignorant Ministry. The Christian Religion is a revelation and was not devised by human intellect. The pulpit is not a forum for all kinds of ideas that may occur to the human mind, but a place where Christ may be held up for worship and imitation. How tremendously interested our laymen should be in the training school for our Pastors. The great Ember hymn should be sung not only at Ordinations, but also form part of our family worship.

"Lord pour thy Spirit from on high,
And thine Ordain'd servants bless;
Graces and gifts to each supply,
And clothe thy priests with righteousness.

"Within thy temple when they stand,
To teach the truth as taught by thee,
Saviour, like stars in thy right hand,
Let all thy Church's pastors be.

"Wisdom, and zeal, and faith impart.
Firmness and meekness from above,
To bear thy people in their heart,
And love the souls whom thou dost love."

Three Things That Commend Divinity School

The Philadelphia Divinity School ought always to be in our thought and prayers. There are three things that commend the School to us:

1.—Its past history. On its Faculty we have had and have some of the strongest men in our Church. George Emlen Hare, I believe, was the first Instructor. I can personally bear witness to his learning and teaching ability. Dr. Daniel R. Goodwin was Dean in my day. At Bowdoin College he was a classmate of Longfellow. Many years ago I was in New England and met a Congregational preacher who, hearing that I was from Philadelphia, said: "An old classmate of mine is in Philadelphia. At college he stood head and shoulders above everyone there. His name was Daniel R. Goodwin." "Yes," I replied, "and he stands head and shoulders above everyone now." Dr. Edward T. Bartlett followed Dr. Goodwin and had a distinguished career. He was thoughtful and loving. His writings were worthy and he won the affection of the School. William Mansfield Groton, another Dean, was a great scholar and a preacher of marked ability. George Griffiths Bartlett, son of Edward T. Bartlett, succeeded as Dean and during his time the Philadelphia Divinity School was removed to its present site and greatly enlarged its outlook and prospects. We now have a "native son" as Dean. Allen Evans was born in the Diocese and here members of his family still reside. He is most active in working for the School and we all feel that he is the man who can make it a success. Then we have a noble Alumni body that does not shrink in comparison with other Divinity Schools.

2.—We have more than a million dollars' worth of property, splendidly adapted to our work. With such an asset we ought to be inspired to work and give.

3.—We have a Dean in the prime of life, full of enthusiasm and ideas and who hopes to make the Seminary fulfil a long-felt want. To bring God to man, we must know God and we must know man. By theological studies and the Christian atmosphere, we are seeking to know God. How many Clergymen, however, do not know man. This School will seek to develop the intellectual and spiritual in the student and then, in two months of what is usually vacation, will give experience in dealing with men in Institutional and Parish life. The Dean has many plans which are admirable, but which cannot be spoken of now. I bespeak for him your full sympathy and co-operation. I hope that every individual will desire to give an annual contribution to the School, and that every Rector will arrange to have an Annual Offering for Theological Education. The location of the Philadelphia Divinity School has many advantages, and the fact that when it was established all Pennsylvania was one Diocese, ought to bring to us the active co-operation of all five Dioceses that now are in the State. No city affords greater opportunity than Philadelphia for development in every department of life nor furnishes a finer example of devotion to God.

The American Church Building Fund Commission

In October, 1880, the General Convention established the American Church Building Fund Commission. The original idea was to secure a fund of $1,000,000 by asking each communicant to contribute $5. This method failed as it seems impossible to get everyone to do any one thing. However, the Permanent Fund now amounts to $804,801 and in all these years a noble work has been done. The following has been received:

"New York, April 19, 1937.

"TO THE CHURCH IN THE DIOCESE OF PENNSYLVANIA, GREETINGS:

"During its years of service to the Church, the Church Building Fund has assisted the Diocese of Pennsylvania in the building projects of its Parishes and Missions with four Loans totalling $36,500, and with two Gifts totalling $2,000, and is still sympathetic. This is not a boast. It simply registers gratification that these opportunities have been presented to us to lift the burdens of congregations when other financial resources have failed, and building projects have been threatened with failure.

"In these operations of the Fund stakes have been strengthened and cords lengthened to the benefit of both the Diocese and the Church at large.

"We present to you a reciprocal opportunity to aid us in doing for other Dioceses what we have been able to do for the Diocese of Pennsylvania. Parishes and Missions which have had Gifts from us should make their annual offering, as promised, on Building Fund Sunday, the second in November. This is fundamental. Only one of the two who have received Gifts from us have kept their promise during the past year. To other units in your Diocese we leave this presentation at the door of opportunity which we have been permitted to open through the courtesy of your Bishop.

"THE AMERICAN CHURCH BUILDING FUND COMMISSION."

Reviews Amazing Amount of Volunteer Service Given in Diocese

The amount of volunteer service in the Diocese is amazing. We have six Convocations, each larger than many Dioceses. Over each of these is a Dean, whose work is almost that of a Missionary Bishop. This work is freely given. Each has in addition a *full man's work* in his Parish, Farm School or Seamen's Church Institute.

We have a Chancellor whose legal advice and service are freely given to the great benefit of both Bishop and Diocese.

We have a Standing Committee of rare ability and whose advice is always at the disposal of the Bishop.

Our Department of Religious Education constantly studies the educational problems and by largely attended courses imparts its knowledge to the teachers of the Church Schools.

Our Department of Christian Social Service, under the able leadership of Mr. Clinton Rogers Woodruff, has done a fine piece of work.

The Department of Property, under Mr. Lardner Howell, is most valuable.

The Church Foundation holds, invests and distributes the income from considerably more than $1,000,000 worth of securities.

The Department of Finance seeks to apportion and to gather in the large sums of money for Diocesan as well as General Missionary work.

Nearly every day considerable numbers of business men of the highest ability spend hours at the Church House devising for the Kingdom of God.

The Missionary Research Committee did a magnificent work in the past year and is planning a great work before and during the General Convention.

There are many other very important Departments.

The Woman's Auxiliary is one of the very heartening agencies in the Diocese. Nothing is impossible with them.

Commends Dept. of Church Music in "The Church News"

The Department of Church Music is making itself felt in the Diocese. A vast improvement in Church Music is apparent, especially in volunteer choirs. Mr. Harold W. Gilbert, one of the Committee, edits the page for the Department of Church Music in our CHURCH NEWS, and I receive enthusiastic commendations of this Department from different parts of the country. The Rev. John W. Norris, another member of the Commission, has charge of the Church Music Department in *The Living Church.* I wish that at least a small financial provision could be made for this department, for it seems hardly fair that all its expenses should be met by its members.

The Diocesan Altar Guild does its work quietly but most effectively, supplying Missions both within the Diocese and throughout the Church at large with all things for a decent and orderly administration of the Holy Communion.

The Cathedral is near the heart of many of our people. It is desirable that annual subscriptions, large and small, be secured so that taxes may be paid and a sum accumulated for the prosecution of the work. Henry Avenue is nearly completed to Cathedral Circle, and permission has been obtained and plans and specifications have been completed for the Crypt under the Choir. Three services are held every Sunday in the Chapel, the first unit of the Cathedral.

The Episcopal Academy is still seeking $150,000 to commemorate its 150 years of service. It is a great honor to our Church and should receive its financial aid. It has an enviable record in the greatest colleges of our country.

Approves Organization in Diocese of Branch of "Mothers' Union"

The Bishop has given permission and approval for a branch of "The Mothers' Union" to be started in the Diocese of Pennsylvania. This Society, which is fully organized in England, Australia, New Zealand, Canada and South Africa, in India and all British possessions, has a membership of over 590,000 women, and has for sixty years of its existence been a means for upholding the sanctity of married life and the preserving of Christian homes throughout the Anglican Church. The Mothers' Union was started in 1876 in the English Diocese of Winchester, and was for the wives and mothers living in the village. In 1886 it became a Diocesan organization and rapidly spread to the other Dioceses in England. In 1896 the Central Council of the Mothers' Union was formed. Since that time the Union has spread in all lands under the Church of England. It is reported actively operating also in China, Japan, Korea, Persia, Madagascar and other countries. Its objectives are:

1. To uphold the Sanctity of Marriage.
2. To awaken in all Mothers a sense of their great responsibility in the training of their boys and girls.
3. To organize in every place a band of Mothers who will unite in prayer and seek by their own

example to lead their families in purity and holiness of life.

Notable Revival of Missionary Interest Is Noted

The past year was a very happy one. The outlook of the National Council was very dark. We asked the loan of some of its staff to inspire and strengthen our Diocese. They sent us some fine men. Each Convocation met weekly for three weeks, then we had our great gathering at the Academy of Music, with an overflow meeting that crowded St. Mark's Church and at least one thousand were turned away.

Some asked, "What good did it do?" It is hard to answer such a question, but I can only say that we gave to Missions $22,700 more than we gave the year before and I am quite sure that the very presence of Bishop Rowe and Dr. Grafton Burke was an inspiration. The magnificent address of Bishop Manning reached many hearts. The meeting was the talk of thousands of Church men and women for many weeks.

This year we are promising a very much larger sum for Missions and we hope to reach our goal. We are planning a great Drama of Missions which we hope will thrill the whole Diocese and later enthuse the whole Church when it is presented at the General Convention. All of our Mission Fields are represented, that our people may know what the Church is really doing.

The great purpose of the Church is to bring the world to Christ. No Parish or Diocese should be satisfied with only work within its borders. Its Commission is "Go." This command has always had a response in this Diocese. Men have freely enlisted and given themselves to the work. Those possessed of this world's goods have freely given, that others may be sent. No cry of the Church has gone by unheeded. I pray that it may always be so. "For the soul that gives, is the soul that lives."

Thanks God for Happy Relations Existing Throughout Diocese

I feel devoutly thankful for my bountiful health. In the nearly eight years of my Episcopate I have only missed two engagements on account of sickness and the sickness was very slight. I had thought at my Consecration that when I reached my seventy-fifth birthday I would probably reach the limit of my physical ability. However, at the present time I am feeling in perfect health and have not reached some of my desired objectives. When I feel unequal to the task, I will not hesitate to ask for assistance, which, I am sure, will be willingly granted. I thank God for the happy relations existing between Bishop and Clergy and the happy relations of Clergy one with another. There are few Dioceses where there is such a body of educated, efficient, sympathetic and hard-working Clergy. There are fewer Dioceses where there is such a "Diocesan Consciousness." There are a few, but very few, Parishes that are simply "Parochial-minded." I trust the time will come when there will be none. We have all varieties of Churchmanship, but no animosities. High and low Churchmen exchange pulpits and are elected to various offices and committees, irrespective of Churchmanship. We worship one Lord and Saviour and instead of fighting each other, all combine against the Common Enemy.

As we gather together tomorrow, let us not forget our great purpose. May the prayer of each be that of Saul of Tarsus, "Lord what wilt thou have me to do?" as he looked up to Jesus, whom he was in ignorance persecuting; now desiring only to know His will that he might yield his whole life to His service. As someone has said, "There is more true religion in half an hour's questioning, 'What wilt thou have me to do?' than in a whole lifetime of asking, 'What wilt thou do for me?'" May our search be to know the will of God and then may all our powers be directed in doing it.

BISHOP AWARDS DIPLOMAS TO 41 GRADUATE NURSES OF EPISCOPAL HOSPITAL

Bishop Taitt officiated at the Annual Commencement Service of the Episcopal Hospital Training School for Nurses in the Hospital Chapel on Wednesday, May 19, and awarded diplomas to a class of forty-one graduates. The Rev. Ernest C. Earp, Rector of the Church of the Redeemer, Bryn Mawr, preached the Commencement Sermon. The service was in charge of the Rev. Joseph Manuel, Chaplain of the Hospital. The music was under the direction of Howard A. Milling, Organist of the Chapel, assisted by a choir of nurses. Following the services in the Chapel, there was a reception in the Nurses' Home.

The list of graduates follows:

Jonice Lynette Brumbaugh, Northumberland, Pa.; Lillian Beatrice Cragg, Altoona, Pa.; Gertrude Lillian Davis, Philadelphia; Bertha Geraldine Dukes, Seaford, Del.; Mildred May Millhouse, Hazleton, Pa.; Kathryn Mary Moser, Drexel Hill, Pa.; Helen L. Murphins, Frankford, Philadelphia; Lois Ogden Palmer, Reading, Pa.; Alice Dolores Pfeiffer, Arlington Heights, Mass.; Mary Louise Phillips, Narberth, Pa.

Margaret Virginia Spratt, Philadelphia; Sara Mildred Stock, New Oxford, Pa.; Dorothy May Bailiff, Gloucester, N. J.; Helen Irene Benson, Gettysburg, Pa.; Doris Esther Blakely, Upper Darby, Pa.; Mary Hunter Boyd, Summit Hill, Pa.; Grace Elizabeth Brittin, Bayonne, N. J.; M. Louise Brown, Chambersburg, Pa.; Freda Elizabeth Burrow, Vandling, Pa.; Eileen Bernetta Butt, Gettysburg, Pa.

Lois Cantrell, Morganton, N. C.; Frances Vera Coles, Woodstown, N. J.; Pauline Eleanor Crawford, Sanford, Fla.; Margaret Marion Ely, Tampa, Fla.; Ardis Elizabeth Klees, Natalie, Pa.; Charlotte E. Kuykendall, Berkeley Springs, W. Va.; Alice Mary Manns, Fort Washington, Pa.; Lucy Margaret Miller, Philadelphia; Louise Manning Moon, Kingston, Pa.; Laura Edna Moll, Chalfont, Pa.; Kathryn Leona Morrison, Sanford, Fla.; Nona Caroline Muir, Stroudsburg, Pa.; Margaret Jane Musser, Bellefonte, Pa.

Martha Dean Patterson, Pottstown, Pa.; Jane Adelaide Poffinberger, Cove Gap, Pa.; Margaret Rhodes, Bloomsburg, Pa.; Helen Riser, Sanford, Fla.; Emily Margaret Robie, Collingswood, N. J.; Jean Blanche Russel, Lansdowne, Pa.; Wilberta Elizabeth Ward, Farrell, Pa.; Eleanor Pearl Wiggins, Uniontown, Pa.

CAMP BONSALL ALL READY FOR 18TH YEAR OF SERVICE TO BOYS OF THE CHURCH

The Pennsylvania Diocesan Assembly of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew, through the Chairman of its Camp Committee, Charles Cain, of the Church of St. John the Evangelist, Lansdowne, announces the dates of Camp Bonsall's eighteenth season for boys of the Church as Saturday, June 26, to Saturday, August 7—six weeks. The committee has been fortunate in securing as Director of the Camp, Irvin L. Keener, well-known layman of Christ Church, Pottstown, the Director of Health and Physical Education in the Pottstown Public Schools.

Mr. Keener has had a large experience as an educator and a worker with youth. A graduate of Pennsylvania State College, Class of 1930, he has taken post-graduate work at Temple University and at Franklin and Marshall College. A man of the highest character and of enviable collegiate attainments, and a consecrated Churchman, Mr. Keener possesses unusual ability and experience in work among boys and young men.

The beautiful Big Elk Creek flows through the sixty-six acres of Camp Bonsall's domain, located in Chester County, about fifty miles from Philadelphia, and easily accessible also from Baltimore and Wilmington, and the central and northern counties of Pennsylvania. Besides the old farm house—the administration headquarters—there are twelve cabins, a recreation center and a commodious mess hall. On the top of the overlooking hill, amid the trees, is the rustic out-door Chapel, built by the boys themselves.

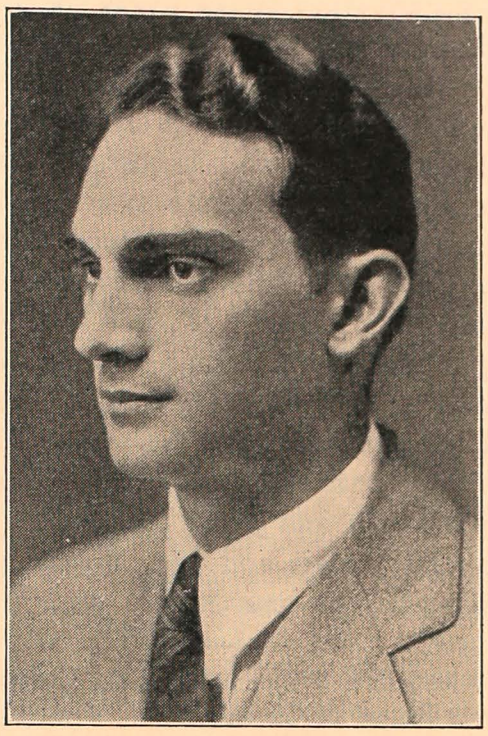
For the six weeks' period for Church boys, the rates will remain as in previous years: ten dollars per week, or fifty-four dollars for the entire period; and applications and inquiries should be addressed to Camp Bonsall, Church House, 202 South Nineteenth Street, Philadelphia.

Following the six weeks' period for Church boys, the Lighthouse Club for Boys will conduct a four weeks' camp for its members, as in previous summers. This well-known organization, serving the great Kensington District of Philadelphia, has secured the use of the camp grounds and buildings through the good offices of the Church Club of Philadelphia.

Week-End Conference, July 10-11 for All Churchmen

After the successful Conference held last year at Camp Bonsall under the auspices of the Pennsylvania Diocesan Assembly of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew, the Assembly will hold another Week-End Conference this year on Saturday, July 10, and Sunday, the 11th.

CAMP DIRECTOR



Irvin L. Keener

The Brotherhood will be pleased to hear from men or young men who would like to attend the Conference. Last year the Conference had groups from Maryland, Delaware and Pennsylvania. Further details or any information desired will be cheerfully given by Albert E. Hurst, 413 South 51st Street, Philadelphia, Chairman of the Conference Committee.

CLERGY CHANGES

The Rev. Philip Humason Steinmetz, Assistant to his father, the Rev. Dr. Philip Justice Steinmetz, at St. Paul's Church, Elkins Park, has accepted a call to the Rectorship of St. Paul's Church, Montrose, Pa., in the Diocese of Bethlehem. Mr. Steinmetz takes charge of the Montrose Parish on June 1st. In addition to assisting his father at Elkins Park, Mr. Steinmetz has been serving as Director of the Diocesan Department of Religious Education, and has also been in charge of St. Philip's, New Hope, Bucks County.

The Rev. William Y. Edwards, Rector of the Church of The Good Shepherd, Germantown, due to the condition of his health, resigned his Rectorship as of April 16th.

The Rev. L. R. Clapp, Curate at St. Luke's, Germantown, has been appointed by the Rev. Wallace E. Conkling, in charge of the Church of St. John Baptist, Germantown, succeeding the Rev. John S. Stephenson, who recently became Assistant to the Rev. Dr. Leicester C. Lewis, at St. Martin-in-the-Fields, Chestnut Hill. For some time past the Rev. Mr. Conkling, at the request of the Vesty of St. John Baptist and with the consent of St. Luke's Vestry, has been giving his oversight to St. John Baptist, in addition to his duties at St. Luke's. The Rev. Mr. Clapp began his duties at St. John Baptist, May 1st.

The Rev. John Doyle, formerly Assistant at St. Stephen's, Philadelphia, has accepted a call to be Executive Secretary of The Greater New York Federation of Churches, in charge of Hospital and Prison work. The Federation is charged with the supervision of thirty-seven City Chaplains, of non-Roman and non-Jewish affiliation, working in twenty-seven City Hospitals and Prisons. Mr. Doyle has initiated conferences of the younger clergy of all the Churches, with a view to stimulating interest in Personal Counseling and is planning the establishment of a demonstration center where this work will be carried on. The Greater New York Federation of Churches is located at 71 West Twenty-third Street, New York City.

FELLOWSHIPS OF DIOCESE AT ANNUAL CONVENTION MAKE SERVICE AWARDS

The Young People's Fellowship of the Diocese elected Joseph Baxter of Calvary Church, Germantown, President for the coming year at its Annual Convention held in the Christian Association of the University of Pennsylvania on Saturday afternoon and evening, May 1st. Other officers elected were: Lewis Worrall of St. Paul's, Chester and Harvey Stephens of St. James', Kingsessing, Vice-Presidents; Margaret Young of the Chapel of the Holy Communion, Secretary; and John Schwaring of St. Luke's, Bustleton, Treasurer.

Bishop Taitt addressed them at dinner on the purpose of life. The two ideals of life before us all, he said, were (1) to get all out of life we can, and (2) to gain character. "Character," he said, "is the only thing we carry with us when we go out of life."

Following a custom of many years silver plaques were awarded to three persons who were recognized for their service to youth. One always is awarded to a Clergyman, this year given to the Rev. Thomas Meryweather, Secretary of the Philadelphia Crime Prevention Association. Another is given always to a layman, and this year it was awarded to a member of the Diocesan Executive Committee of the Young People's Fellowship, a past president of the Diocese, Mr. Robert Makim. The third is always given to a woman and this year it had to be awarded "in absentia." Miss Florence Moore, a Missionary in China, who, until her going to China a very few years ago, was very active in the Young People's Fellowship of the Diocese, was the recipient.

Announcement of Appointments to Philadelphia Divinity School Faculty

By the Very Rev. Allen Evans, Jr., *Dean*

It is with great satisfaction that we are now able to definitely announce the acceptance of the appointments to the Faculty of the Philadelphia Divinity School. We are doubly fortunate in the fact that those who have accepted were the first and unanimous choice of the Dean and Committee of Overseers. The Faculty will be known as The Dean, Tutors and Lecturers. It is our intention to use the Tutorial system of instruction, rather than the Class-room Lecture system.

In addition to the Dean, the Faculty will comprise the Rev. William Henry Dunphy, A.B., B.D., Ph.D.; the Rev. John Mansfield Groton, A.B., B.D., A.M.; the Rt. Rev. Charles Fiske, D.D., S.T.D., Litt.D., LL.D., L.H.D.; the Rev. Leicester Crosby Lewis, S.T.D., Ph.D., and the Rev. John Wyatt Norris, A.B., S.T.B. The members of the Faculty are assigned to certain definite Fields, but will supplement each other as the Curriculum develops and grows. The Dean will fill the Field of Pastoral Care and Clinical Training, the Rev. Dr. Dunphy that of Dogmatic Theology and New Testament Exegesis, the Rev. Mr. Groton that of the English Bible, the Rev. Dr. Lewis that of History and Apologetics, Bishop Fiske that of Homiletics, and the Rev. Mr. Norris the Field of Church Music and Voice Culture. The Dean, Dr. Dunphy and Mr. Groton will be full-time Tutors, Bishop Fiske, Dr. Lewis and Mr. Norris will be the Lecturers. The appointees will assume their duties with the opening of the new School year in October.

The Rev. Dr. Dunphy

The Rev. Dr. Dunphy was born in Boston, Mass., February 21, 1900. He is the son of Frank Bradley Dunphy and Phyliss Dana. He is a distinguished writer and educator, a priest of the Church, now spending a year in study and teaching in Europe. He attended the summer school of sociology at Oxford last year, and various theological conferences, including those of the Universal Christian Council of Life and Work and the meetings of the Continuation Committee of the World Conference on Faith and Order. Dr. Dunphy just before he went abroad had completed a course of graduate study at the University of Chicago and received the degree of Doctor of Philosophy. He is the first person to represent the American Church at the Orthodox Seminary in Paris.

Dr. Dunphy is an Assistant Editor of *The American Church Monthly*, and was for a time literary editor of *The Living Church*. His books include "The Living Temple," and contributions to "The Body of Christ," and "Liberal Catholicism and the Modern World." Many articles from his pen have appeared in *Theology*, *The Christian East*, and *The Living Church*, and *The American Church Monthly*. He translated from the Russian of Nicolai Berdyaev, "Dehumanizatsia Sovremennavo Mira."

A graduate of the Boston Latin School, of Harvard and of the General Theological Seminary, Dr. Dunphy was ordained in 1926 in Pennsylvania, and became Assistant at the Church of The Good Shepherd, Rosemont, Pa., and a year later Assistant at St. Mark's Church, Philadelphia. He then went to Nashotah House in Wisconsin, where he taught Dogmatic and Moral Theology for five years.

The Rev. Mr. Groton

The Rev. Mr. Groton was born at Westerly, R. I., July 14, 1887. His father, Rev. William Mansfield Groton, was Rector of Christ Church, Westerly, from 1881 to 1898 when he was called to the Chair of Systematic Divinity at the Philadelphia Divinity School His mother is Hannah Babcock, of Westerly. His brother is the Rev. Nathanael B. Groton, Rector of St. Thomas' Church, Whitemarsh, Pa.

After moving to Philadelphia in the fall of 1898, Mr. Groton attended the Episcopal Academy and was graduated in the class of 1905. He attended Harvard College from 1905-1909, receiving the A.B. degree.

After graduating from college he spent the summer of 1909 traveling abroad with his brother. He returned to enter business for a short time in New York City. During his brief business career, he came to a decision about his life's work; and early in 1910 entered the Philadelphia Divinity School, of which his father then was Dean, to prepare for the Christian Ministry. He was graduated in 1912 and ordained to the Diaconate that year. During this time he received the degree of Master of Arts at the University of Pennsylvania. Following his seminary course he spent the following year in German universities. After a year at Marburg and Heidelberg, he matriculated in the graduate college at Oxford, and spent a semester there in the study of the New Testament. When Dr. Slattery, of Grace Church, New York, invited him to come on his staff he sailed for home, and in January, 1914, after being ordained to the Priesthood, began his active ministry in that great Parish. In 1915 Mr. Groton was called to be the Rector of the Church of Our Saviour, Jenkintown, Pa.

Soon after America entered the World War he was generously given leave of absence, and for nineteen months served as Chaplain with the A. E. F. in France and Germany. In 1920 he married Anngenette Cottrell, daughter of Charles P. Cottrell, of Westerly, R. I. In November, 1923, he was called to Grace Church, New Bedford, Mass., and after twelve and one-half years of happy service in that Parish, resigned upon the advice of his physicians in April, 1936, and took up residence at his home in Westerly, R. I., since February, 1937, supplying the pulpit at Christ Church, Andover, Mass.

While resident in the Diocese of Massachusetts he served as a member of the Diocesan Council, a delegate to the Synod of New England, a deputy to the General Convention meeting in Denver, and as examining Chaplain.

His only published writing is a paper on the "Miracles of the Gospel," read before the Church Congress, and subsequently printed in the Records of the Congress.

Bishop Fiske

Bishop Fiske, formerly Bishop of the Diocese of Central New York, was born March 16, 1868, at New Brunswick, N. J. Son of a newspaper editor, Bishop Fiske spent the early part of his career as a newspaper reporter on the staffs of New York and Philadelphia papers, after having been educated in the New Brunswick Public Schools, Rutgers Grammar School and St. Stephen's (now Bard) College, Annandale-on-Hudson, N. Y., from which institution he received his A.B. In addition to his newspaper work the future Bishop also studied law and, thus equipped, he turned to the Church for his life work and was graduated from the General Theological Seminary in New York City in 1896. It was from the General Seminary that later he received the honorary degree of D.D.

Following his ordination he was a member of the staff of the New Jersey Associate Missions for a year, then for another year was Assistant at Mt. Calvary, Baltimore. From that city he

went to Philadelphia as Rector of the old Church of The Transfiguration, West Philadelphia, after which he was for six years Rector of St. John's, Summerville, N. J., then Rector of St. John's Church, Norristown, Pa. After a year in the latter position he became Rector of St. Michael and All Angels, Baltimore, January, 1910, where he remained until 1915 when he was elected Bishop Coadjutor of Central New York, having previously declined election as Coadjutor Bishop of Dallas. He was Consecrated September 29, 1915, and on the death of the Rt. Rev. Charles T. Olmsted, a few months later, succeeded Bishop Olmsted as Diocesan.

By his vigorous personality, his wide learning and his broad humanity Bishop Fiske won for himself a commanding position throughout the country. He is particularly forceful as a public speaker and his services have been in great demand for years, for Noonday Lenten Services, in the conduct of Missions and Retreats, and as speaker on a wide range of public questions. Likewise he is an author of repute, among his works being "The Religion of the Incarnation," "Back to Christ," "Sacrifice and Service," "The Perils of Respectability," "The Experiment of Faith," "The Faith by Which We Live," and many magazine articles, pamphlets, etc. His articles appeared frequently in *The Atlantic Monthly* and other of the cultural magazines.

Bishop Fiske is a member of a well-known family, one of his uncles being the late Haley Fiske, former President of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, and another, Stephen Fiske, also deceased, a well-known writer and playwright, and one time associate of Charles Dickens.

Bishop Fiske married Mrs. Bessie Curlett Crampton, of Baltimore, in 1901.

The Rev. Dr. Lewis

The Rev. Dr. Lewis was born in New York City in 1887 and is recognized as one of the most scholarly priests of the Church. Dr. Lewis is a graduate of Columbia University and the General Theological Seminary. As Fellow of the latter he studied in Germany at Berlin and Tuebingen.

Upon his return to America Dr. Lewis was Professor of Church History at the Western Seminary in Chicago for seven years and served as Chaplain to the Sisters of St. Mary. He spent another year in France and in 1922 became associated with the Episcopal Academy. Besides membership in several American scientific societies, Dr. Lewis is a member of La Societie d' Histoire Ecclesiastique de la France of Paris and of Die Gesellschaft fuer Kirchengeschichte of Berlin. He is a member of the Board of Examining Chaplains of the Diocese of Pennsylvania and has served as Chairman of the Commission on Adult Education of the Diocesan Department of Religious Education.

In the Diocese of Pennsylvania and at the College of Preachers in Washington Dr. Lewis has conducted a number of classes in the better understanding of Christianity. Dr. Lewis also served for some time as local Director of the National Retreat Movement. Dr. Lewis succeeded the late Rev. Dr. Floyd W. Tomkins as Chaplain of the Society of the Companions of the Holy Cross and of St. Ursula's Guild for Teachers. He is a Doctor of Philosophy of the University of Pennsylvania and an Honorary Doctor of Sacred Theology of Columbia University. Five years ago he accepted a call to be Rector of St. Martin-in-the-Fields, Chestnut Hill, where he is now serving. Dr. Lewis' publications include "The Philosophical Principles of French Modernism" and "A Soldier Boy of '61." In 1915 Dr. Lewis married Beatrix Baldwin, of Alexandria, Va. They have three children.

The Rev. Mr. Norris

The Rev. Mr. Norris is a graduate of the Philadelphia Divinity School, Class of '25. Born in Sioux City, Iowa, Mr. Norris had elementary education in public schools of that city and served as a newspaper reporter for several years on the *Sioux City Journal.* During the World War he was attached to the Army. In 1919 he entered the University of Pennsylvania and combined his college and seminary courses, taking his B.A. at the University in February, 1925, and graduating with the degree of S.T.B., from the Divinity School in June of the same year. He was ordained Deacon in June of 1925 and was advanced to the Priesthood in December. He served four years as Curate at St. Peter's, Philadelphia. Since 1929 he has been Rector of St. Luke's, Bustleton, and more recently Priest-in-Charge also of St. Andrew's-in-the-Fields, Somerton.

Mr. Norris received his early musical training in Sioux City. After coming to Philadelphia he studied voice for several years with F. Edmund Edmunds. During his undergraduate years he was baritone soloist with St. Peter's Choir for five years. Upon ordination he was appointed a member of the Diocesan Commission on Music by Bishop Garland and has served actively with that body as Lecturer at the various Conferences held by the Commission. In 1936 he was instrumental in inaugurating the Volunteer Choir Contest in the Diocese, which is sponsored by the Commission, serving as Chairman of the Contest Committee. In the fall of 1936 he created the Department of Church Music for *The Living Church,* and is now serving as Church Music Editor of that paper. His appointment to membership on the Joint Commission on Music of General Convention has just been made by Dr. Z. B. T. Phillips, presiding officer of the House of Deputies.

Mr. Norris has been active in musical circles of Philadelphia apart from the field of Church Music. He was associated with the University of Pennsylvania Glee Club, frequently appearing as soloist. For twelve years he was a member of the Choral Art Society, serving from 1928-1932 as President of that organization. For three years he has been the conductor of the Somerton Glee Club, and during the winter just closing has been the Director of the Chorus of the Monday Club of Fox Chase.

He also holds the post of Chaplain of Frankford Post 211 of the American Legion.

CHURCH HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Announcement was made at the annual meeting of The Church Historical Society on Thursday evening, April 22nd, by the President, the Rev. Walter Herbert Stowe, of New Brunswick, that the material published in the special Bishop White number of The Historical Magazine of The Church, is being reprinted in book form, with much additional material and correspondence, and that this book will soon be ready for distribution to members of the Society and for sale to any persons desiring to purchase copies.

The Society's Annual Meeting was held at the Hotel Belgravia and was preceded by a Dinner at which Charles Penrose Keith, Litt.D., President Emeritus of the Society, was guest of honor. Officers elected at the meeting were:

President, Rev. Walter Herbert Stowe, New Brunswick; Honorary Vice Presidents, Rt. Rev. Francis M. Taitt, Bishop of Pennsylvania; Rev. Frank Gavin, New York; Rev. William A. R. Goodwin. Williamsburg, Va.; Vice President, Mr. Samuel F. Houston, Philadelphia; Secretary, Mr. William Ives Rutter, Philadelphia; Treasurer and Librarian, Rev. George Woodward Lamb, Hatboro, Pa.

Members of the Executive Board elected are:

Mr. Spencer Ervin, Philadelphia; Mr. Alex. B. Andrews, Raleigh, N. C.; Rev. G. Sherman Burrows, Buffalo, N. Y.; Mr. Bradford B. Locke, New York; Rev. William A. Beardsley, New Haven, Conn.; Mr. Edward Helfenstein, Frederick, Md.; Rev. Royden Keith Yerkes, Sewanee, Tenn., and Mr. Arthur M. Kennedy, Hatboro, Pa.

Vacation Schools and Their Work

By the Rev. Edgar C. Young, Th.D.
(Commission on Church Schools)

The Vacation Church School, called at one time the Daily Vacation Bible School, is a school of Religious Education usually conducted in the summer's vacation time. It was in 1901 that the idea originated with Mr. Robert G. Boville, of New York City, and then he saw the need for gathering together "idle (not poor) children, idle churches and idle students" for religious betterment and for community welfare. Boville began many daily Vacation Schools among churches of seven denominations, and the effort proved so very successful that it has continued and grown, and these schools are now being conducted over the world.

The Vacation Church School may be a denominational or an interdenominational or a community school. It may meet for two or three hours a day, five days a week, and from three or four to six weeks in July and August of the year. A few months ago I read that eight years ago there were 1,500 of these schools in China alone. The addition of a school like this to your Church's program of Religious Education will promise large returns for your work.

Such a school as this needs careful preparation and good organization just as much as the Sunday School. Such preparation should begin early, and as is the writer's experience at Phillips Brooks Memorial Chapel (Holy Trinity Parish), it is so much better when it has a continuous program running through the years. It should not be an extemporized, seasonal and sporadic effort just to do something for the idle because the summer has returned. It should have a Director or Principal (the Minister or Director of Religious Education being preferable if there be one) with a small staff of Teachers. A well-trained group of high school students, prepared at a Training Institute such as is afforded this spring by the Philadelphia Sunday School Council of Christian Education, would be a welcome service-group in the school as Assistant Teachers, if necessary. Much will depend upon the competent and efficient leadership which you possess in your Church group. The Teachers may be those who teach in the public schools (provided that they leave the hide-bound traditions of public school life outside) or the teachers of the Sunday School, or any mothers of the congregation who at one time before or after marriage were school teachers. Where can you receive information as to the securing of a principal and teachers? You may consult either the office of the Diocesan Department of Religious Education in the Church House, or the Philadelphia S. S. Council of Christian Education, of which our Mr. W. O. Easton is its Executive Secretary, or the Philadelphia Federation of Churches' office, or the Department of Teacher's College of Temple University, which has students preparing for such leadership in the field of Religious Education.

Paid teachers—the compensation for the short term being relatively small—are the ideal and fair way of providing the staff, even though in sixty per cent of the schools in other denominations there are those giving voluntary service, and as in some cases similar to our own, some teachers are paid and the assistants are given at the end of the sessions a small sum of money received from a congregational offering for these assistants.

The school, if large enough, may be divided into departments, but many of these schools consist of the smaller children, and where this is true, they may be taught together. The general program is subject to greater variety and spontaneity than that of the Church School on Sundays, and some degree of freedom is permissible from strict lesson periods and rules.

The work of the school broadly falls into three periods: Worship, Religious Instruction, and Handwork and Play. The Worship period consists of simple exercises of Holy Scripture reading, and reciting prayers and songs of such a nature that the children can join heartily in them. The Instruction deals with such Bible and religious lessons which are of the mental level of the pupils, and the project method is freely used. The Handwork and Play period gives the pupils something to do in making things after the manner of the kindergarten, often making useful things that may be sent to needy children or homes. The Play period is given over to games and other forms of entertainment, but the purpose of this period is not simply to provide relaxation and healthful exercise to the children, but it is also a way of teaching them to live together and to exercise and develop the social virtues of religion. The Play period may be as telling and convincing in its meaning as the Worship and Teaching periods because it is expressing actual life instead of teaching about life.

This Vacation School provides a wider and freer program and it may enter more intensively and deeply into the character and lives of the pupils than the Sunday School. It has proved its practical purpose and efficient program, and it is already achieving great usefulness. It costs little compared to other schools' cost, and this financial end may be provided for by church budget, or by the co-operation of the organizations of a church working to this goal, or by private subscription.

The school is rich in life situations, and by that I mean the actual world in which the child lives, is active and is interested. The meaningful activities through a continuous experience of from twenty to thirty daily sessions of three hours each and the friendly companionship between pupils, parents and teachers provide many opportunities to help children practice the presence of God and the brotherhood of man.

Why not endeavor to work up a Vacation Church School in your Parish or mission? Aim to do it this summer. It will keep your children busy and it will really strengthen the inadequate program of many a Sunday School. Try really hard to develop one in your Parish. The Diocesan Department of Religious Education will gladly co-operate with you in promoting this commendable venture for your children this approaching summer. It's worth while.

VALLEY FORGE CONFERENCE

The Third Annual Valley Forge Conference at the Valley Forge Military Academy. Wayne. will open with supper on Sunday, July 11, closing after breakfast the following Saturday morning, July 17.

The Rev. William S. Chalmers, O. H. C., will again be the Chaplain, and the Rev. Wm. P. S. Lander continues as the Director. The Rev. Reginald Mallet, Rector of Grace and St. Peter's Church, Baltimore, will be acting Dean of the Faculty, and will give two courses: "The Prayer Book and The Sacraments." The Rev. Gordon Wadhams, Rector of the Church of the Resurrection, New York City, will be in charge of the training of acolytes and teach a course entitled: "Catholic Life in the World." The Rev. Felix Cirlot, Th.D., Rector of St. Andrew's Church, Buffalo, N. Y., will give two courses: "The Value of the Old Testament Today" and "Problems in the Life and Teaching of Our Lord." The Rev. Howard Morris Stuckert, Ph.D., Rector of the House of Prayer, will give two courses on "Church History": "Contemporary Competitors of our Lord and Modern Christianity." Miss Regina Lustgarten, of the Diocese of Hankow, will give a course entitled: "The How and Why of Missions." The Rev. Nelson N. P. Liu, Rector of St. James' Church, Ichang, China, will make sev-

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The 1937 Summer Conferences

Reports from the headquarters of the Diocesan Department of Religious Education in the Church House indicate a marked interest the programs for Summer Conferences Programs

Following is a list of the Conferences, programs for which have been received up to the time of going to press, and upon which detailed information may be obtained at the Church House.

Blue Mountain Conference: Penn Hall, Chambersburg, Pa.; June 21 to July 2.

Valley Forge Conference: Valley Forge Military Academy, Wayne, Pa.

Bethlehem Conference: Hawthorne Inn, Mt. Pocono, Pa.; June 27 to July 2.

Peninsula Conference: Ocean City, Md.; June 27 to July 2.

Shrine Mount: Orkney Springs, Va.; Junior Woman's Auxiliary of Province of Washington; July 21-26.

Shrine Mount, Orkney Springs, Va.; Senior Woman's Auxiliary of Province of Washington, June 28 to July 2.

In addition to the above at Shrine Mount the Eighth Shrine Mount Seminary for Clergy of the General Church will be held July 5 to July 16.

Wellesley Conference: Wellesley, Mass., June 28 to July 9.

Blue Mountain

The Blue Mountain Conference this Summer will begin its twelfth year. In addition to the General Conference, which is an advanced Conference for leaders, both Clergy and lay people, there will be the Children's Conference. Boys and girls are eligible who have completed the first grade in day school up to those who have just completed the sixth grade.

Miss Frances Young, Director of Religious Education, Church of the Redeemer, Baltimore, Md., is Director of the Children's Conference. Primary Leader is Miss Alice P. Crothers, Director of Religious Education, Christ Church and St. Michael's, Germantown, Phila., and Junior Leader is Miss Elizabeth P. Frazier Field Secretary of the Department of Religious Education of Pennsylvania.

The Rev. Howard R. Weir, Rector of the Church of The Holy Trinity, Philadelphia, will be Chaplain of the General Conference. A full and well-planned program has been provided. Some of the courses are: "The New Religion of the Twentieth Century," Leader, the Rev. D. A. McGregor; "The Church and Social Conditions," Leader, Miss Mary Brisley, Lecturer at the General Theological Seminary; "Missions in a New Day," Leader, the Rev. Orville A. Petty, Director of Research of the Movement for World Christianity. Mr. Myron D. Casner, Organist and Choirmaster of St. Paul's, Chestnut Hill, will be Leader of the Church Music course, and Mrs. Thomas L. Harris, Educational Secretary of the Woman's Auxiliary of Pennsylvania will be the Leader of the Course on The Church in Rural America.

Shrine Mount

Shrine Mount has for a number of years been a favorite among many from the Diocese of Pennsylvania. The Conferences for the Junior Women's Auxiliary of the Province and for the Senior Warden's Auxiliary of the Province, as well as the Seminar for Clergy, are of special interest this summer.

Among the Faculty for the Clergy Seminar will be two of the outstanding men from our own Diocese, the Rev. B. Groton, Rector of St. Thomas's Church, Whitemarsh, who is also President of the Blue Mountain Conference, and William H. Jefferys M.D., Superintendent of our City Mission. The Rev. Mr. Groton will give a series of ten lectures on "Studies in the Prophets." Dr. Jefferys will conduct five Meditations on "When Words Become Life." Other members of the Faculty will include the Rt. Rev. Frank E. Wilson, Bishop of Eau Claire; the Rt. Rev. H. St. George Tucker, Bishop of Virginia; Professor Lewis H. Hammond, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Philosophy, University of Virginia, and the Rev. Edmund J. Lee, Rector of Chatham Hall.

For the Junior Woman's Auxiliary Conference and the Senior Woman's Auxiliary Conference it is anticipated the Diocese of Pennsylvania will be well represented. A fine recreational program has been arranged in connection with both Conferences. Leaders in the Junior Woman's Auxiliary will include Archdeacon Harrison W. Foreman, of Erie, Pa.; Dr. John W. Wood, of the National Council Department of Missions; Mrs. James R. Cain, of Columbia, S. C., and Miss Sallie C. Deane, of Richmond, Va. Mrs. Cain and Miss Deane will be among the leaders in the Senior Woman's Auxiliary Conference. Others will be the Rt. Rev. F. D. Goodwin, Bishop Coadjutor of Virginia, and the Rev. John W. Gummere, Charles Town, W. Va.

Bethlehem

Bethlehem Conference is planned to meet the needs of young people in all activities of the Church's program. The courses are especially planned for training of teachers in the Church School. Three of the members of the Faculty are from the Diocese of Pennsylvania. They are: the Rev. Robert P. Frazier, Vicar of St. Anne's, Willow Grove; Miss Jane Welte, Supervisor, Primary Department of the Chapel of The Mediator Church School, and Miss Marian Brown, Parish Worker, All Saints, So. Phila.

Peninsula

The Peninsula Conference at Ocean City, Md., this year enters its seventeenth session. The Rt. Rev. George W. Davenport, Bishop of Easton, will be Chaplain of the Conference. The Conference provides five days of intensive study and training in an atmosphere of religious earnestness, good fellowship and delightful sea breeze. Courses have been arranged that should appeal to Church School Teachers, Members of the Woman's Auxiliary, Young People, Clergy and all interested persons. The Rev. John S. Stephenson, Assistant at St. Martin-in-the-Fields, Chestnut Hill, is to conduct a course on "Christianity and the Problems of Life," offered especially for Young People.

Wellesley

Wellesley Conference at Wellesley College is a General Conference which has been carried on since 1904 and provides a wide range of general subjects including Study of the Bible, Missions and Church Extension, Religious Education, Religious Drama, School for Christian Social Ethics and School for Church Music.

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eral missionary addresses. Training in altar guild work will be under the direction of the Sisters of the Holy Nativity. The Rev. David Holmes, Rector of St. Andrew's Church, Philadelphia, will be director of athletics. The total charge, including registration, is sixteen dollars. Detailed information may be secured from the Director at Rosemont, Pa. The conference is limited to young people between the ages of sixteen and twenty-six. Interesting evening programs have been arranged, as well as several pilgrimages to points of historical and educational prominence. The Conference is sponsored by an Executive Committee consisting of the Rev. Wm. P. S. Lander, the Rev. Wallace E. Conkling, the Rev. Franklin Joiner and the Rev. Reginald Mallett.

Life is not so short, but that there is time for courtesy.—EMERSON.

If we hesitate to bring politics into our religion, let us strive to bring our religion into politics.—*Robert Taylor.*

CONFIRMATIONS, MARCH 23 TO MAY 16TH, INCLUSIVE

March

23. St. James, Phila. 7
24. St. Luke, Chester 4
25. St. Paul, Overbrook 24
27. St. Mark, Phila. 9
28. Christ Church, Phila. (including 5 Received and 2 for Seamen's Institute) 35
28. Gloria Dei, Phila. 10
28. Holy Sacrament, Highland Park 20

April

4. Our Saviour, Jenkintown (including 1 for St. Simeon) 31
4. St. Martin, Marcus Hook..... 10
4. St. Luke, Eddystone 12
11. Good Samaritan, Paoli (including 2 Received) 23
11. Advent, Kennett Square 7
11. Christ Church, Media 20
12. Bishop's Chapel, Church House (for Trinity, Oxford 1, St. Simon The Cyrenian 1) 2
14. Bishop's Chapel, Church House (for St. James, Phila.) 1
15. Valley Forge Military Academy 5
15. St. Thomas, Phila. 23
18. St. Paul, West Whiteland..... 14
18. Good Shepherd, Rosemont... 29
25. Redeemer, Bryn Mawr 29
25. Ascension, Parkesburg 2
25. Trinity, Coatesville 9
26. Bishop's Chapel, Church House (for The Saviour 1; St. Luke and Epiphany 1; St. Martin, Chestnut Hill 1; Calvary, Northern Liberties 1 Received) 4
28. Incarnation, Morrisville 17

May

2. Holy Trinity, West Chester 37
2. Sleighton Farm 16
6. St. Alban, Olney 10
9. St. Paul, Elkins Park (including 1 for Episcopal Hospital) 32
9. St. Anne, Willow Grove..... 19
9. St. James, Bristol 16
16. St. Martin, Radnor 11
16. Crucifixion, Phila. (including 1 for St. Mary's)..... 27

CONFIRMATION SCHEDULE MAY 23 TO JUNE 13

May 23—Trinity Sunday
A. M. Radnor, St. David.
P. M. Great Valley, St. Peter.
Evg. Swarthmore, Trinity.

May 26—Wednesday
Evg. Phila., Holy Redeemer.

May 30—First Sunday after Trinity
A. M. Lansdowne, St. John.
P. M. Yeadon, St. Michael.
Evg. Phila., Advent.

June 3—Wednesday
Evg. West Chester, Ascension.

June 6—Second Sunday after Trinity
A. M. Concord, St. John.
A. M. Rockdale, Calvary.
P. M. Phila., St. Mary Annunciation.
Evg. Phila., St. John Evangelist.

June 13—Third Sunday after Trinity
A. M. Warwick, St. Mary.
P. M. Compass, St. John.
Evg. Honey Brook, St. Mark.

Gift by Layman of Enlargement of Historic Coat-of-Arms At St. James's, Perkiomen, Dedicated by Rector

St. James' Church, Perkiomen, is the proud possessor of an old Vestry Book embossed with a coat of arms of Queen Anne—Anne Regina—who reigned in England from 1702 to 1714.

On one side of the shield in this coat of arms is the Lion, crowned, and the Rose of England; on the other is the Unicorn and the Thistle of Scotland; in the first and fourth quarters of the shield are the three Lions of the Plantagenets together with the Scotch Lion—an indication that at the time Anne was using this coat of arms, the union of England and Scotland, which occurred in 1707, had already taken place. (The second quarter shows the lilies of France; the third quarter, the Harp of Ireland.)

From the records of the Society for Propagation of the Gospel, it appears that in 1707 the Rev. Evan Evans, then Rector of Old Christ Church, Philadelphia, visited England; in 1709 he returned to this country—at a time when this coat of arms was in use by Queen Anne.

It is quite possible that Mr. Evans brought the old Vestry Book with him as a gift from the Queen to the young parish at Perkiomen. This seems all the more likely when we learn that in the report he made while in England to the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel he wrote about "the new settlement called Parkiomen, situated on the river Skuylkill. In the latter place many persons became attached to the Episcopal Church, were baptised and admitted to her communion."

At the close of the Parish meeting at St. James' on Easter Tuesday, March 30, 1937, the congregation adjourned to the Church and dedicated an enlargement of the coat of arms—a gift from Mr. Francis A. Pocock, made with his own hands, in commemoration of his having served for twenty years as a Delegate to the Diocesan Convention and for fifteen years as Rector's Warden of the Parish. The enlargement was made out of a flat sheet of copper; the reliefs were produced by pounding on the reverse side, and the only tools used were a light hammer and a few pieces of hard wood to fit. The colors used are red and blue (confirmed at the Herald's College by a relative of Mr. Pocock's, Captain Roger Pocock); other effects are obtained by more or less oxidation of the copper which is stopped by lacquer as desired.

Girls' Friendly Society

G. F. S. Members at St. Faith's School, Yangchow, China.

The G. F. S. in Pennsylvania has been made Bontoc conscious during the past month, if it never was before. The presence in the Diocese of Deaconess Kate Sibley Shaw, worker in charge of All Saints School, Bontoc, Philippine Islands, has made very real this work in which the Society has been interested for so many years. Deaconess Shaw tells a vivid story of the great need and opportunities which face her work, the obstacles which she must overcome. Perhaps the greatest of these is the almost complete lack of support by the National Council of the Church. An annual income from the Council gives the school $200 per year for the support of more than 40 girls. This works out to the amazing per capita sum each month, of about 41 cents! Without the support of the Scholarships which the entire Friendly Society throughout the U. S. A. has sponsored, year in and year out, this School would undoubtedly have closed long ago.

Pennsylvania carries six of these Scholarships, and Deaconess Shaw's visit to the Diocese culminated on the evening of April 14th in a reception which was tendered her by the Senior Members' Club and the Diocesan Members' Branch. 239 people heard the Deaconess tell the tale of her experiences, came to know her delightful self, personally, and went back to their branches determined to give even more support to this "special."

The Annual Festival Service this year will be held in the Chapel of The Mediator, West Philadelphia. It will be quite a West Philadelphia event, all the clergy taking part being Parish leaders in that Convocation and District, with the new Dean of the Divinity School, Rev. Allen Evans, as the preacher. The offering at this service will be for the National Money Object of the G. F. S.-U. S. A., which, this year, goes to Bishop Demby, of Arkansas, to be used as a Discretionary Fund for his work among the Negroes.

The Holiday House Season at Cape May, N. J., will open with a Conference for Candidate Leaders, as announced in the April CHURCH NEWS. This Conference will take place over the week-end of June 25th to 27th, and will be in charge of Miss Anna Denniston, Diocesan Chairman of Candidates and Branch President at Calvary, Germantown. Twelve Candidates will be present and serve as a demonstration group for the various classes which will be in charge of local leaders, assisted by Miss Esther Sharpe, of Rhode Island, former National Chairman of Candidates. A cordial invitation is extended to all workers with children to share in this Conference. Reservations can be made through Miss Anna Denniston, 119 W. Walnut Lane, Germantown.

Nationally, the annual spring drive of the Girls' Friendly Society for contributions to carry on the forward work of the Society is being launched in 47 Dioceses. The campaign, known by the name of *The Contributors' Plan*, is two-fold—to inform Church men and women of the work being done by the Society today and to secure contributions from people who are interested in furthering the girls' work of the Church.

In all parts of the country Church men and women and others interested in a character-building program for girls contribute to the support of the Society. In some of the Dioceses that have been successful in meeting their apportionments, the money is raised through a Diocesan money-making project, in others by direct and personal appeal for gifts. The latter method is used in this Diocese, most successfully, and many friends contribute towards an annual gift of $600 to the national work.

Two-thirds of the support of the G. F. S. comes from the Society itself through dues, the sale of Christmas cards, and interest on a small endowment fund, the All Saints Memorial Endowment, to which memorial gifts are added from time to time. The G. F. S. also receives a grant of $3,000 from the National Church. Although the Society depends chiefly on the income from the dues paid by its membership, many allowances have to be made; in some of the mission stations only a fraction of the national dues are paid and in other places the entire dues must be met from another source. The junior group, from five to twelve years of age, called Candidates and numbering about 7,000, necessarily pay only very small dues. The G. F. S. is the only National Church organization working with girls of this age, and their dues do not begin to cover the cost of carrying this large department. It is therefore through the support of interested church people that various mission branches and this junior work are carried.

This Contributors Plan is making possible, once again, the use of a National Field Secretary, a feature of the work which had been almost given up. Miss Margaret Jefferson, formerly of Grace Church, New York City, is just completing a winter's work in Colorado, Oklahoma, Nebraska and Iowa—where she has made many new friends for the Society. In the well-established routine of organization life in centers such as New York and Philadelphia, it is difficult to realize what new fields the G. F. S. opens to girls and children in the far-away places, bringing, as it does, fellowship and mutual programs, which tie together the member in the Philippines or China with the girl in the U. S. A.—the Candidate in the little mining town with the youngster in the large city parish.

Mrs. Malcolm E. Peabody, of Chestnut Hill, is General Chairman for the Contributors Plan, and will welcome any gifts, large or small, which will help this work with girls. Checks may be drawn to the order of the Girls' Friendly Society, U. S. A., and sent to Mrs. Peabody, at 18 E. Chestnut Avenue, Chestnut Hill, Philadelphia.

CLERGY OF OLD CATHOLIC AND ORTHODOX CHURCHES AT CALVARY, WEST PHILA.

Fifteen Priests of the Roumanian, Russian, Greek and Albanian Orthodox Churches, the Polish National (Old) Catholic Church, and the Armenian Apostolic Church, accepted the invitation of the Rev. John Quincy Martin, Rector of Calvary Church, 41st and Brown Streets, to take part in a Festival Service at Calvary on the evening of Whitsunday, May 16th. The Festival Service was the climax to the parochial participation at Calvary in the Novena for the Reunion of Christendom, between Ascension Day and Whitsunday.

The Bestowal of the Gift of Tongues on the first Pentecost was commemorated by the various Orthodox and Old Catholic Priests, reading the Gospel for the Day in their individual languages, while the Collect for the Day was read in various languages by Clergy of the Episcopal Church who minister or who have ministered in those languages. The Festival Service included Solemn Evensong, Procession and Te Deum. The Rector preached the sermon. The Rev. Charles L. Steel, Rector Emeritus of Calvary, and the Rev. W. Donald McLean, Jr., Rector of St. Paul's, Camden, N. J., assisted the Rector in conducting the service.

Clergy of the Diocese who accepted the invitation included the Rev. Dr. John K. Shryock the Rev. David Holmes, the Rev. Silvio Biagini, the Rev. Charles Levy and the Rev. M. Brun. The Clergy representing the other communions who accepted invitations included the following:

Rev. Mark J. Kondili, Albania Orthodox Church; Rev. John Popovich, Roumanian Orthodox Church; the Very Rev. George Cucura, Dean, St. Michael's Russian Orthodox Cathedral; the Rev. Peter Rusyn, assistant to Dean Cucura; the Rev. Illarion Kraftzov, St. Andrew's Russian Orthodox Church; the Rev. A. Kornouch, assistant at the latter; the Rev. Nicholas Huviak, Russian Orthodox Church, Chester, Pa.; the Very Rev. Andrew Vanyush, Russian Orthodox, Phila.; the Very Rev. Alexis Gougnin, St. Nicholas Russian Orthodox Church, Phila.; the Rev. M. Minasian, Armenian Apostolic Church of SS. Sahag and Mesrob, Phila.; the Rev. Chrysostonios Mourkides, St. George's Greek Orthodox Church, Phila.; the Rev. Demetrius Papantoniou, Greek Orthodox Church of the Annunciation, Phila.; the Rev. J. L. Zawistowski, St. Valentine's Polish National (Old) Catholic Church, Phila.; the Rev. Peter Gwozdecki, Polish National (Old) Catholic Church, Phila.; the Rev. V. Sidorsky, Russian Orthodox Church, Phila.

An Evening Spent at the House of Rest for the Aged

By a Visiting Laywoman

The light was fading both inside and out; outside because the sun was setting on a day, inside because it was setting on life. Yet both inside and out there were peace and serenity that only come with the pleasant ending of anything well done, whether it is a life or a day.

I came up the walk just at sunset, and I was blind to the peace and mellowness because I am young and strong, and therefore blind to such sweet things. Nevertheless, blind youth can always sense happiness in the atmosphere. Something made me stop and smile and shake off the hard expression a young, self-centered person wears all day in a modern city. The trolley which had delivered me rattled off up Wayne Avenue, and with it went my rattling, racketing outlook on life, leaving me feeling actually restful before I even entered the House of Rest. Perhaps it was the trim little garden, in which the flowers were nodding at me so primly. Perhaps it was the sight of faces nodding from so many opened windows, faces sweet with the sweetness of many years living, drinking in the fresh, warm air of that early Spring evening. Whatever it was, I stepped up to the door in a very restful state, knowing that I would not have to make an effort and be charming, but that I would be charmed.

As I entered, the twenty-six old ladies who are members of the family at the House of Rest were gathering for that pleasant interval before dinner. There was a distinct air of excitement among them, for the day was Thursday, and Thursday is the day that all the ladies take turns entertaining the other ladies with whatever talents they possess. I was infected with their delicious excitement (an excitement more exciting than a child's) and could hardly wait for dinner to be over so that the show could begin. I was terrified lest restlessness should again take the place of restfulness in my being.

Then the house mother entered. Miss Weightman is her name, and Miss Weightman has come to be synonymous with happiness among the old ladies of her family. The last shadow of restlessness vanished from my thoughts. The last shadow of worry or sorrow passed from the faces around me. You see, Miss Weightman is the nearest thing to an angel that the old ladies have ever known.

She pounced on me in her happy, bird-like way and led me out to see her garden. By the last remaining light I saw her rows and rows of vegetables. She starts them early in boxes in the kitchen, planting them out later. Consequently she beats the season by a good deal, and her vegetables are the kind that bear no relation to the average uninteresting ones.

We returned to find the old ladies engrossed in a spirited wager as to who was the spryer of two of the oldest. Greater rivalry was never seen among school children.

The dinner gong interrupted this discussion and called us to a table at which is served some of the best food I have ever tasted. How Miss Weightman prepares such feasts with her limited budget I will never know. The ways of a genius are always incomprehensible. The animation at dinner, the dinner itself, the happiness—all combined to keep me saying to myself, "It can't be as much fun to live here. Why, it's perfect!"

I had not long to argue with myself, however, for we were soon off into the large living-room. One lady was singing, the others joining in the chorus. The show had started. I settled back to watch and listen in utter contentment. They sang, they danced, and one played the piano. And then, all too soon, it was over.

I wanted to go upstairs and fall asleep in one of the spacious, airy bedrooms. I wanted to sleep between cool sheets in the white infirmary, watched over by the friendly nurse. I wanted a lot of things, but I found myself saying goodby, and then I was outside in the night with the nodding flowers. So I nodded back and walked away down the path.

I was back in the trolley, and my face was hard again, and my voice was brittle, but my heart was warm, for I was impressed. The House of Rest for the Aged had impressed me, and I am very young. The young are very hard to impress.

PARISH OFFERS TO DONATE AN ALTAR AND A CROSS

The Church News has been advised that Holy Innocents, Tacony, has an Altar and Cross available for donation. Any congregation in need of either or both is requested to make application in writing to the Secretary of Holy Innocents' Vestry, Mr. Harry Oberholtzer, 4324 Longshore Street, Tacony, Philadelphia.

CHURCHWOMAN desires position as House Mother. Competent and able to furnish best of references. Address Mrs. F. W. Hadley, 211 College Avenue, Swarthmore, Pa

The Angora School or Church Home for Children

For more than sixty years a large building of greenish-buff serpentine stone has been a landmark on the park-like tract at 58th Street between Baltimore Avenue and the Swarthmore branch of the Pennsylvania Railroad, in West Philadelphia. Five stories high, it is built rectangular in shape, with a wing on either side. Windows are arched with somber brownstone; weathered slate covers the mansard roof.

Many Episcopalians do not know that this is the main building of the Angora School, or, as it is legally known, the Church Home for Children—one of the oldest institutions of the Diocese. Here twenty-six girls, ranging in age from 6 to 17 years, have temporary homes, or until their course in education is completed, because the death of parents or other reasons have made it impossible for them to remain with their families. They are not institutionalized youngsters, but an unusually interesting and attractive group. The younger children, for example, devote part of their after-school hours in caring for Helen, the gray cat, and her five kittens. The older girls have outside social contacts.

On the seven acres of the Angora School grounds, surrounded by oak, beech, maple, ash and sycamore trees, are three smaller structures: a stone Chapel, shaded by an oak that was standing in the days of William Penn; a two-story brick laundry; and a three-story infirmary. Adjoining the property on Baltimore Avenue is the Church of the Epiphany, Sherwood, where the Angora girls attend Church School through the courtesy of the Rev. William Newman Parker. Services are also held in the Angora Chapel by the Rev. Mark Mills Garcia, Chaplain of the Home.

When the Home was founded in 1856, the primary need was to provide food and shelter for young white children of the Diocese. Conditions have changed since then, with the State assuming more responsibility for the physical support of dependent children, and the home suffering a serious loss in its annual income. The Board of Managers, of which Mrs. Charles Sinkler is President, has shown its awareness of the need for a re-examination of the home's function. Consultants from leading social agencies were invited to a recent meeting of the board. The consensus of their opinions was that a survey of diocesan and community conditions would be essential in determining the validity of the suggestions made during this meeting.

To form a basis for action, the Board has authorized the Directors of the Home to make a detailed study of the potential field of service, and of methods by which the institution's work can be more closely integrated with that of other diocesan and community organizations. The survey is being made in consultation with a special advisory committee consisting of representatives of the Board of Managers, the Board of Council, the Diocesan Department of Christian Social Service, and the Council of Social Agencies. Assistance is also being obtained from the Department of Christian Social Service of the National Council of the Church and the Child Welfare League of America.

The managers of the Home are endeavoring to conduct the school in such a manner as to provide all possible home life. It has also been an established policy to return girls to their own homes whenever changed conditions make that possible.

Other officers of the Board of Managers are: Mrs. Effingham Perot, Honorary President; Mrs. John Gardiner, Jr., First Vice-President; Mrs. Louis W. Pitt, Second Vice-President; Mrs. E. C. Robbins, Secretary; Mrs. Morris Duane, Corresponding Secretary; and Mrs. R. Wallace McClenahan, Treasurer. Members include Miss Margaret L. Bodine, Mrs. Henderson Supplee, Jr., Miss Ethel L. Mayer, Miss N. F. Lewis, Miss Mary B. Mitchell, Miss Katharine P. Hutchinson, Mrs. Maurice W. Sloan, Jr., Mrs. Norman V. P. Lewis, Mrs. George G. Bartlett, Miss Caroline B. Mitchell, Mrs. Henry C. Mayer, Jr., and Mrs. J. Howard Cloud.

REPRINT ISSUED OF NOTED PAMPHLET PENNED BY FIRST BISHOP OF PENNSYLVANIA

The Bishop White Prayer Book Society has just issued a reprint of one of the most notable documents called forth by the American Revolution, namely: "The Case of the Episcopal Churches in the United States Considered," written by the Rt. Rev. William White, first Bishop of Pennsylvania, five years before his Consecration to the Episcopate. In the Foreword to the reprint the statement is made by the Society that it knows of not more than a half dozen accessible copies of the original issue and very few of its several reprints.

"In observing the anniversary of the Constitution of the United States, it is high time for us to stress the influence exerted by the representatives of our historic Church—clerical and lay—in developing the sources of that epochal instrument. As heirs of the priceless tradition of English Christianity, it behooves us to certify the significant implications of the simple fact that five years before the Constitutional Convention, and while the Revolutionary War was still raging, the youthful White, associate and correspondent with such civil leaders as Washington, Franklin, Morris, Hopkinson, Wilson, Clymer, Read, Madison, Hamilton and other subsequent drafters of the Constitution, published this brief pamphlet with its unprecedented outline of a form of government for his shattered ecclesiastical following in a democracy; which form strikingly anticipated that which was eventually adapted and incorporated into the national Constitution."

Copies of the reprint may be had upon application at the Church House for 15 cents per copy.

CHURCH TRAINING SCHOOL COMMENCEMENT, MAY 26TH

The Commencement Service of the Church Training School will be held at St. Peter's Church, Third and Pine Streets, on Wednesday, May 26, at 11 A. M., under the direction of the Rev. Dr. Edward M. Jefferys, Rector of St. Peter's. Bishop Taitt will officiate. The Rev. Frederick E. Seymour will preach the Commencement sermon.

Students who expect their diplomas at this time are: Miss Helen V. Snavely, from the Missionary District of Western Nebraska; Miss Eleanor W. Trenholm, from the Diocese of Chicago; Miss Leah M. Waldman, Diocese of Pennsylvania; Miss Nellie F. Walton, Diocese of Virginia.

The course of the Church Training School includes sixteen months of academic work and twenty weeks of resident field work in connection with an institution or agency. The young women who are to be graduated this year devoted ten weeks during the summer of 1936 to hospital training, and in 1937 they plan to conduct a Vacation Church School at St. James', Perkiomen.

Officers of the school include the Bishop, ex-officio, President of the Corporation; Miss Julia U. Sinkler, President of the Board of Managers; the Ven. James F. Bullitt, Warden; Rev. B. Janney Rudderow, Chaplain; Miss Ethel M Springer, Dean.

BURD SCHOOL GRADUATES ARE AWARDED DIPLOMAS

Bishop Taitt was the principal speaker at the Eighty-first Annual Commencement of the Burd School for Girls of St. Stephen's Church, Philadelphia, on Saturday afternoon, May 15th, at the School, 4226 Baltimore Avenue, at which diplomas were awarded to four of the students. In connection with the Commencement a Reception was given in honor of the new Rector of St. Stephen's, the Rev. Dr. Vincent C. Franks, and to Mrs. Franks.

The School diplomas were awarded by Dr. Franks to the following: Dorothy Witherow, who graduates this year at Temple University in Home Economics; Gwendolyn Moore, who graduates this year at the University of Pennsylvania in Oral Hygiene; Ethel Cree, a graduate of Taylor Business School, and Gertrude Davis, who graduates in this year's class of the Episcopal Hospital Training School for Nurses.

The David D. Wood Memorial Award for the student at Burd School outstanding in Music was awarded to Natalie Gross. In addition to receiving the award for her proficiency in Music, Miss Gross was awarded also a special prize for punctuality at roll-call during the seven years she has been a student at Burd School. Incidentally, it was announced that Miss Gross, who graduates this year from the West Philadelphia High School, will go into training for a nurse at the Episcopal Hospital.

GATHERED ABOUT THEIR DEAN

A group of Church Training School students including the 1937 class of graduates, with Dean Springer in the center.

ST. MARY'S AND ST. PHILIP'S PEOPLE NOW WORSHIPPING TOGETHER AT ST. PHILIP'S

Pending repairs and re-decoration, including the building of a new organ, St. Mary's Church, West Philadelphia, has suspended services until some time in September, and in the meantime the congregation will worship in St. Philip's Church, 42nd Street and Baltimore Avenue.

With the approval of the Standing Committee of the Diocese and the Diocesan Convention of the merger of St. Philip's with St. Mary's, the necessary proceedings before the Courts for changes in the charter are under way. Services in St. Philip's, following the beginning of repairs in St. Mary's, began on Sunday, May 9th, with a large congregation representative of both St. Philip's and St. Mary's.

The fire of some months ago at St. Mary's made necessary a number of repairs due to the fire damage. In making these repairs it was decided to make a number of other improvements. The entire interior of the Church is to be redecorated, the present Chancel is to be deepened. The new organ takes the place of the one destroyed in the fire. Other work to be done includes the preparation of the new Chapel, that is to bear the name of St. Philip's and in which will be installed the present Altar in St. Philip's Church and a number of Memorials that will be moved from St. Philip's Church to the Chapel in St. Mary's.

KNIGHTS OF ST. JOHN PLAN FOR FIELD DAY, MAY 23RD

The various Chapters of the Knights of St. John in the Diocese of Pennsylvania will hold their Annual Field Day on Saturday, May 22nd, at the Northeast High School Athletic Field, 29th Street and Lehigh Avenue, beginning at 2 P. M. Spectators, girls and all, are invited. The Conferring of the Accolade will take place on Sunday, May 23rd, in St. Peter's Church, Germantown, at 8 P. M. At this Accolade the Degree of Brother Knight, honorem cum causa, will be conferred upon Hon. Isaac C. Sutton, Director of the National Youth Administration for the State of Pennsylvania, and the Rev. Dr. John Hart, Associate Minister at St. Stephen's Church, Philadelphia.

In "The Knighter," the official organ of the Knights of St. John, announcement is made of the names of a number of Clergy and Laity who have accepted appointment as members of the National Advisory Council of the organization. Those from the Diocese of Pennsylvania whose names are included in the list are: The Revs. C. E. Snowden, Stanley R. West, Richard H. Gurley, Percy R. Stockman, Lewis G. Morris, Charles W. Shreiner, George G. Bartlett, James F. Bullitt and Messrs. William A. Lippincott, John A. Snell, William P. Barba, Spencer Ervin, Reed A. Morgan, Reynolds D. Brown and Joshua Ash Pearson.

"Every anxiety is a call to prayer."

No experiment is possible save on the basis of belief.

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"The abundant life too often is smothered by the abundance of things."

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"If Christ is needed anywhere, He is needed everywhere." —*Selected.*

MARKS FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF CHURCH CONSECRATION

The Fifth Anniversary of the Consecration of St. George's Church, Ardmore Avenue and Darby Road, Ardmore, and of the opening of the church for services, was commemorated by the congregation on Sunday, April 11. The church was Consecrated by Bishop Taitt, April 4, 1932, and regular Sunday services were commenced on Sunday, April 10, 1932. The Anniversary opened with a Corporate Communion at 8 A. M. for the 142 persons who had been confirmed in St. George's. At the 11 A. M. service the Rev. Frederick E. Seymour, Rector of the church, made an historical address and the Missionary Offering of the Church School was Presented. At 8 P. M. St. George's Choir presented a special musical service. The ladies of the parish gave a Reception and Tea at 6.30 P. M.

CHURCH PERIODICAL CLUB

The work of the Church Periodical Club is so many-sided that it is difficult to tell it in a few words. One side, not thought of by many, is the need of books and periodicals in the foreign language.

Many people, especially in hospitals and among the seamen, would be happier and less lonely if they could have some good reading matter written in their own native tongue.

The following is from a recipient in Phoenix, Ariz.:

"We have used the periodicals in a three-fold way. First, they are placed on a table in the Cathedral with the legend, 'Please read and return.' Not only do the tourists rejoice to find a home paper, but I am pleased to report that a number of our own church people have had a lot of reading also. Then with the few that are left we took great pleasure in handing them to our older members who were ill or shut-inners; and third, at Summer School last June we had such a thrill out of our class in Current Church History, and our textbooks were the few periodicals sent through the kindness of your Church Periodical Secretaries."

The "home paper" referred to in the above is the paper from the different Dioceses. Our C. P. C. is sending our own, THE CHURCH NEWS OF THE DIOCESE OF PENNSYLVANIA.

MARY M. H. ONYX.

"'Tis human fortune's happiest height to be
A spirit melodious, lucid, poised, and whole;
Second in order of felicity
I hold it to have walked with such a soul."

BIGGER AND BETTER THAN EVER!
Really, You Cannot Afford to Miss It This Year
FOURTH ANNUAL MAY DAY FETE
Wednesday, May 26 - - 12 Noon to 7 P. M.
On the Spacious Lawn of
YOUR OWN EPISCOPAL HOSPITAL
Under auspices of the Episcopal Hospital Unit of the
Elizabeth P. Martin League for Service of the Woman's Auxiliary
See the Great Work Your Hospital Is Doing
Enjoy a Day of Fellowship *Bring Along Your Friends*
SPECIAL FEATURES
Exhibition of Flower Arrangements, with Awards
From 1 to 4 P. M.
Music by Orchestra and Chorus of House of St. Michael
And All Angels for Colored Crippled Children
4.30 P. M. In Nurses Home
Admission to Concert: Adults 25 cents, Children 10 cents
MANY ATTRACTIVE BOOTHS ON LAWN
LUNCH AND SUPPER
Ample parking space in Hospital Grounds. Entrance, Huntingdon Street east of Front; also Lehigh Avenue east of Front

Rev. Dr. Mockridge Announces Co-operation in Music By St. James's, Episcopal Academy and Curtis Institute

St. James's Church, Twenty-second and Walnut Streets, the Episcopal Academy, Overbrook, and the Curtis Institute of Music through its Organ Department, are co-operating in a musical venture of more than ordinary interest and importance, and suggesting unique possibilities. Announcement was recently made of the details of the project by the Rev. Dr. Mockridge, Rector of St. James's, and who is also Vice-President of the Episcopal Academy.

The project provides for the establishment by St. James's of a Choir School for Boys similar in some respect to those maintained by several great city churches in America, such as St. Peter's, Philadelphia; Grace Church, and the Cathedral of St. John the Divine, New York. The St. James's School, however, will differ from the usual arrangement of a school conducted within the parish in that St. James's will be established at the Episcopal Academy, and the boys of St. James's will be members of the student body of Episcopal Academy.

Under the arrangement entered into, and which will go into operation in September, St. James's Church will pay the full tuition charges of at least twenty Choir boys, who will thus receive tuition scholarships at the Academy valued at $300 a year, during the period for which they are members of the Choir. The boys, it was announced, will be selected following auditions to be held during the third week of May. Those who are chosen for the promise of their voices will then have to meet the educational standards prevailing at the Academy in the grades they will enter. Ordinarily, the boys will be members of the Middle School at the Academy and the test given will consist of an intelligence test and achievement tests in Arithmetic and English. Other qualities, such as character, health, personality and background, will be considered.

While the scholarships will be tenable only for the years during which the boys' voices are suitable for the Choir, it is hoped that arrangements may be made whereby Choristers of superior scholarship and exceptional character may continue through the Academy to graduation. This possibility, it is believed, will in itself offer a great incentive to ambitious boys, since practically all graduates of the Episcopal Academy enter college, and the Academy has an enviable record for the success of its students in winning college scholarships. The opportunity of attending one of the country's leading preparatory schools, among which the Episcopal Academy maintains a front rank position, will, it is believed, attract a host of youngsters to the auditions that will open the way to enrollment in St. James's Choir School and to membership in the student body of Episcopal Academy.

The project as entered into by St. James's, the Academy and the Curtis Institute's Organ Department, in addition to the establishment of St. James's Choir School at the Academy, further provides that the various musical activities at the Academy will be co-ordinated and a Department of Music will be inaugurated at the Academy. It is

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The Woman's Auxiliary Department

Edited by DOROTHY SIBLEY HOPKINS

Mrs. John Markoe

On Wednesday, April 28th, 1937, there was held in St. Peter's Church, Philadelphia, a service of Thanksgiving for the life of Mrs. John Markoe.

It was fitting that on the morning of the regular meeting of the Indians' Hope Committee, the Woman's Auxiliary and other friends met in Mrs. Markoe's own dearly loved parish church, not only to give thanks for her life and service but to hear from representatives of the Mission Field what Mrs. Markoe had meant to them and to the Church's life.

The service began with the Holy Communion. Rt. Rev. Francis M. Taitt was the Celebrant, Rev. Howard R. Weir read Romans VIII—14 as the Epistle and Rev. Edward M. Jefferys, D.D., Rector of St. Peter's Church, read St. John VI—37 for the Gospel. Mr. Gilbert and the choir boys of St. Peter's added very greatly to the service, which was truly one of thanksgiving. After the Communion Service, Mrs. Markoe's friend, Dr. John W. Wood, of the Church Missions House, New York, told of Mrs. Markoe's long years of thoughtful generosity to every part of the Mission field.

One of the Missions near Mrs. Markoe's heart was the remote one on the Arctic Circle, the Hudson Stuck Memorial Hospital, Fort Yukon, Alaska. Dr. Grafton Burke spoke of Mrs. Markoe's unfailing kindness, both in little things and great, how her personal hospitality ever cheered him and others, and how her interest never flagged.

The third short address was given by Mrs. Paul H. Barbour, of Mission, South Dakota. She told of the sacred memories which had been built into Trinity Chapel Mission and which seemed to have been consumed with its destruction by fire. But now with the promise of the furnishing of the Chapel to Mrs. Markoe a new spirit of love and devotion will again be built into this Indian chapel.

At the close of the service Mrs. Charles Biddle read the following Memorial Resolution, which had been accepted by the Woman's Auxiliary of the Diocese at its Annual Meeting:

In Memoriam

MATILDA CAMPBELL MARKOE

1849-1937

"Not alone as a member of the Woman's Auxiliary of the Diocese of Pennsylvania, in an official capacity, and of the Indians' Hope Association for sixty-one years, is Mrs. Markoe to be remembered; but as one who shared herself and every talent she possessed—intellectual, physical, and above all, spiritual—as well as her material possessions, with the Church all over the world, and with the State, wherever there was a wrong to right or a cause to help.

"Many a Mission gives thanks today for her gift of water, in foreign lands and in Indian schools at home, and hospitals in Alaska and the United States and in the Orient are better equipped because she cared; many a Missionary Bishop remembers the generous cheque he found in his mail when first facing the problems of the Mission Field.

"When on Wednesday of Easter Week Mrs. Markoe died, it was but the crossing of the threshold on which her feet had long rested, into that more abundant life which God had prepared for those who unfeignedly love Him.

"She richly lived her eighty-seven years, but age 'could' not wither nor custom stale her infinite variety.

"Thanks be to God for His gift of her to us, and for our long and happy association with her.

"May we prove worthy of so rich a heritage."

This etching was made from what was probably the latest photograph of Mrs. Markoe. It was taken last summer by a member of her household in the garden of her summer home at Bar Harbor.

In the death of Matilda Campbell Markoe on Wednesday, March 31st, 1937, not only the Diocese of Pennsylvania but the Church and the world have lost a valiant friend.

She was born in Philadelphia on June 12th, 1849, and lived here until her death. Her summer home, "Larchsea," Bar Harbor, where she first went in 1879, with its enchanting garden, will forever be associated with her whom it interpreted in gracious charm and beauty.

The great-granddaughter of George Mason, of Gunston Hall, Virginia, author of the Bill of Rights of Virginia, and daughter of St. George Tucker Campbell and Betty Mason, the blood

of the Old Dominion coursed richly through her veins.

In 1871 she married John Markoe, whose sword as Colonel in General Grant's Army hangs over her library door, and has ever served as a reminder that there is no North or South, but only one United States.

Left a widow at the age of forty-four, her affections were centered in her young stepson, James Brown Markoe. His tragic death in 1902 deprived her of the absorbing interest and fellowship of intimate family life; but it did not dry up the well-springs of her heart.

Her devoted nieces, Miss Mary Roberts Coles and Mrs. George S. Robbins, daughters of her sister, Mrs. Edward Coles, and Mrs. John Sargent Newbold, daughter of her brother, Mason Campbell, and nieces and nephews to the third generation, rise up and call her blessed.

Entrusted with material possessions, but to a far greater extent with spirituality, with rare intellectual gifts and physical beauty and charm, her every talent was used as a faithful steward in the service of the Master whom she loved.

Her brilliant mind associated her with men and women of intellect, and authors of note sought her out to review their manuscripts.

She had strong convictions; but she believed that "He who never changes any of his opinions never corrects any of his mistakes."

In recent years she faced great suffering, and limitations that would have overwhelmed a less courageous spirit; but her undaunted valor and vital interest in humanity and in the questions of the day never flagged, and made a visit to her a challenge and an inspiration.

Mr. Montagu Norman, Governor of the Bank of England, since the death of her son, never omitted a weekly letter to her, nor a yearly visit.

Bishop Brent, our pioneer Missionary in the Philippines, one of the great leaders of our Church, and a great world influence, was a frequent guest at her house, and an honored friend.

On three separate occasions she visited our Presidents to plead the cause of the American Indian; to hear her tell of her interviews with Mr. Theodore Roosevelt, Mr. Taft and Mr. Wilson was to be transported into their very presence.

Would that one might tell of the many people in Church and State, great and small, with whom in her long life she had intimate intercourse: one story must suffice:

Some years ago, while attending a great Missionary gathering in London, of representatives of the Church in the British Colonies, as she sat down to breakfast at Lambeth Palace, where she was staying, the late Archbishop of Canterbury presented to her one of the Bishops of South Africa. She said to the latter: "I fear that you will find my name hard to remember—'Markoe.'" "Not at all," he replied, "it is very familiar to me, being the name of one of our most turbulent tribes." The Archbishop, with a twinkle in his eye, looked at her and said "How surprising!"

To the Church Mrs. Markoe's loss is irreparable. Many a Mission in our own country and in foreign lands is better equipped today because of her; many a Bishop remembers the generous cheque he found in his mail, when first facing the problems of the Mission Field.

From its inception in 1866 the Indians' Hope Association—founded to help Bishop Hare in the Dakota Country—claimed her devotion and leadership.

For many years an officer of the Woman's Auxiliary of the Diocese of Pennsylvania—the "Grandmother of the Auxiliary" she called herself—which came into existence with the National Organization in 1871, she was ever ready to help the Board of Missions and afterwards the National Council wherever there was need.

She was one of the most valued members of the Board of the Indian Rights Association, of the Orphan Society of Philadelphia, and of other organizations of value. During the Great War she was the Philadelphia Chairman of the "Fatherless Children of France," and was decorated by France, Serbia and Poland.

The half has not been told, nor ever will be.

In the words of Arthur Guiterman,

"She was a golden font that freely poured
What goldenly endures,
And though that font be gone, its bounty, stored,
And treasured, still is ours.

"The Past is deathless. Souls are wells too deep
To spend their purest gains.
All that she gave to us is ours to keep
While memory remains."

INDIAN CHAPEL, MISSION, SOUTH DAKOTA A MEMORIAL TO MRS. JOHN MARKOE

On Wednesday in Holy Week, Mrs. Markoe came to the Indian's Hope Committee to make an appeal for Trinity Chapel, Mission, South Dakota, which had been completely destroyed by fire.

Because of the very deep concern she felt for the rebuilding of this Indian chapel, and because she had come to speak for it when physical suffering such as hers would have kept most people at home, we have chosen as a memorial to Mrs. Markoe the complete refurnishing of this chapel.

Donations for this memorial may be drawn to the Indian's Hope Association and sent to the Church House, 202 South 19th Street.

UNITED THANK OFFERING PRESENTATION SERVICE

The Thirty-third Annual Service for the Presentation of the United Thank Offering in this Diocese was held on Ascension Day, Thursday, May 6, at 10.30 A. M., in Holy Trinity Church. The Bishop of the Diocese was the Celebrant, assisted by the Rev. Joseph P. Morris, Vicar of the Chapel of the Prince of Peace, and the Rev. F. P. Houghton, Executive Secretary of the Diocese. The Rev. Howard R. Weir, Rector of Holy Trinity, made the Address. Mr. Weir's great interest in the United Thank Offering has brought the offering from Holy Trinity up tremendously, and the number of givers (which is what really matters) is five times what it was before he came there. This shows what the clergy can do for the U. T. O. if they only would!

The Offering was taken up by vari- a few alumni from the Church Training and Deaconess School. The beautiful Ascension Day hymns, with the offertory hymns of Thanksgiving, the second one being the traditional U. T. O. hymn, 'Holy Offerings, rich and rare," and the always impressive, "Let all mortal flesh keep silence," sung during the Holy Communion, made the ous of the U. T. O. Treasurers of Junior Woman's Auxiliaries, and the Treasurer of Holy Trinity, Miss Pollock.

The singing was led by the girls and musical part of the service especially satisfying.

The amount presented was $13,724.54, which brings Pennsylvania's total to date for this Triennium to $61,137.76. The total offering of the whole Church on deposit with the National Council to date for this Triennium is $514,000, as against $493,000 this time three years ago. It was decided at the last meeting of the National Executive Board of the Woman's Auxiliary, that unless the offering in Cincinnati exceeds $900,000, no buildings can be built in the Mission Field from the 1937 offering, so, over the summer we must get to work with real energy to see that Pennsylvania

does her full share to bring the Triennial Offering back to a million dollars or better.

Mr. Weir has made such an impression on the women of Holy Trinity, and on his radio audience, that it was felt that his message should be heard by more of the women of Pennsylvania. Our anticipation was justified, and his splendid and inspiring address should do a great deal to increase the offering of the whole Diocese, as his enthusiasm and interest have already done for his own Parish offering. The gratitude of all the women of the Diocese goes to him for the beautiful service, the excellent address, and the cordial hospitality of Holy Trinity Church.

The meeting of Treasurers was held in the Church House after the service. The Treasurer gave various instructions to the Parish Treasurers relative to the early "Ingathering" next autumn, just prior to the Triennial Presentation Service in Cincinnati on October 7. Our Diocesan Presentation will be held on *Monday,* October 4, in the Church House.

Miss Charlotte Brown, a United Thank Offering worker from Nevada, spoke briefly to the meeting from the viewpoint of a worker from the Field, and gave the women of Pennsylvania added impetus to go forward over the summer, and to try their best to keep those consecrated, self-denying women out there, at their jobs, unhampered by lack of funds.

MARIAN D. VAN PELT,
Diocesan Treasurer.

Annual Meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary

The Annual Day, April 27, began with the Service of Holy Communion at Holy Trinity Church; Bishop Taitt, Celebrant. Rev. Howard Weir, assisting. Business session convened at the Parish House, Mrs. Hill, president, presiding. A brief glimpse of reports received follows:

The Chairmen of the Five Standing Committees recorded the encouraging facts that more women are actively interested, that all pledges have been met and an increase in pledges accepted for next year. Outstanding items of interest are:

Indian Hope—As a Memorial to Mrs. Markoe, the complete furnishing of Trinity Chapel, Mission, So. Dakota, will be a gift of the Auxiliary.

Domestic—Splendid speakers representative of various Domestic Fields without doubt were responsible for the $1323.00 increase over pledges of previous year.

Foreign—The aim of Missionaries in our Foreign Fields is the establishment of Native churches; China and Japan have their own church and native Bishops; Liberia and Mexico have Suffragans.

Colored—Lenten Mission-Study on the "Negro in America and Liberia" added impetus to this Committee's program. Speakers for many Church groups were supplied, the Chairman herself filling 26 engagements.

Diocesan—Speakers presented Church Work among the Colored, in the Prisons, among the Foreign-born, and our City Mission. Two sub-committees made surveys and reported on Church Work for Children and for the Aged (which added interest both to those who made the surveys and those who heard the enlightening reports).

Convocations—Reports received from the presidents of the Women's Aids of the six Convocations showed how inclusive is the scope of Christian activity carried on within our Diocese; through financial aid to Missions and many and various Social Service activities, these Convocation groups minister to every nationality within the Diocese; also, the Convocation meetings provide the opportunity to inform hundreds of women of our Church's Program, Diocesan and National.

Education—40 leaders conducted 40 Lenten-Study classes, 17 Institutes and 13 Special Meetings, reaching approximately 4189 persons. A more intelligent approach to racial problems is bound to result from this past year's study.

Devotional Chairman reported that the first Retreat for Women in this Diocese was held last September at Sellersville. A Diocesan Prayer-Group was formed in February and meets each Monday in the Chapel, Church House.

The League of Intercessors reports a membership of 750 persons; 63 Chairmen serve this group, sending to all Intercessors Easter and Christmas cards, Christmas letters signed by our Bishop, and Forward Movement Booklets (a lending Library is proving a great asset in rural districts).

Social Service—Elizabeth Price Mar-

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THE WOMAN'S AID
to the
Convocation of North Phila.
will hold its
ANNUAL GARDEN PARTY
at "WYCK"
Colonial Home and Garden of
the Estate of
Mr. Caspar Wistar Haines
Germantown Ave. at
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THURSDAY, JUNE 3, 1937
From 2.00 to 8.00 P. M.
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in the Convocation
Entertainment
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Tickets, 25 cents
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In case of rain, Parish House of Christ Church and St. Michael's, Tulpehocken and McCallum Sts.

The Woman's Aid
to the
Germantown Convocation
ANNUAL GARDEN DAY
will be held
Tuesday, May 25, 1937
from 3.00 P. M. to 7.30 P. M.
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The Woman's Aid
to the
Norristown Convocation
will hold its
ANNUAL COUNTY FAIR
Saturday, June 19, 1937
From 2.00 to 8.00 P. M.
at
"HOPE LODGE"
The Estate of Mr. and Mrs.
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Every Auxiliary is doing something towards its success
Homemade Cakes . . Plants and
Flowers . . Homemade Candy
Ice Cream Cones . . . Garden
Produce . . . Fortunes
NO ADMISSION CHARGE
Supper Served, 5.30 to 7
Tickets, 50 cents
Children, 35 cents
In case of rain, St. Thomas' Parish House.

tin League for Service: Three Units of this League, Phila. General Hospital, Episcopal Hospital and Volunteer Bureau, with a corps of 80 volunteers are demonstrating the need and place of volunteer Christian Social Service in our hospitals and institutions.

Supply Bureau—19 personal boxes, 16 Christmas packages, hundreds of knitted garments, and supplies for 5 Missions, 1 hospital and 1 school make up the year record. Six packing cases of new clothing and supplies were also sent to Clergy in the Ohio flood area.

United Thank Offering—Total offering for the first two years of this Triennium amounts to $47,413.22, which means concentrated effort of all women between now and next Fall if the Denver offering of $95,000 is to be equalled.

Junior Woman's Auxiliary—A varied program, including such subjects as World Peace, Christian Marriage, and Religious Education is enlisting the interest of our young women; groups are working in close co-operation with Woman's Auxiliary; Diocesan project is Harrison Home where entertainment is provided for the residents and certain rooms are kept attractively furnished.

The annual luncheon was held at the Penn Athletic Club; speaker, Miss Mary Johnston, member of the National Board of the W. A. "Fellowship Through Faith and Work is the Auxiliary motto for the coming Triennium," she said, and gave an outline of the program being planned for that great meeting.

Mrs. Hill, our president, sounded the final note; after summarizing new developments in W. A. program, she cautioned us not to let attendance at meetings, paying pledges and supplying Missionary boxes obscure the main objective of the Auxiliary which is the Winning of the World for Christ; and this objective will require our entering into new fields of service, those of Labor, World Peace and Christian Unity.

CONVOCATIONAL QUIET DAY FOR WOMEN OF WEST PHILA.

There will be a Quiet Day for Women of the West Philadelphia Convocation at St. Andrew's Church, 36th and Baring Streets, on Thursday, May 27. The Rev. Francis B. Roseboro, Rector of St. Elisabeth's Church, South Philadelphia, will be the Conductor. There will be a Celebration of the Holy Communion at 9 A. M. Meditations will be at 10 and 11.30 A. M., and at 1.30 P. M. a light breakfast will be provided in the Parish House. Coffee and tea will be provided at lunch, but those attending are asked to bring a box luncheon. All women of the West Philadelphia Convocation are cordially invited to attend.

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Missions of Convocation
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Useful Articles
Cakes and Candy for Sale
Supper served from 5 to 7 P. M.
Tickets, 65 cents

LEAGUE OF INTERCESSORS

The spring meeting of the League of Intercessors was held on Friday, May 7th, for the distribution of the Forward Booklets for the Trinity season. These, with cards of the prayers for Convention, go out to the eight hundred members, all over the Diocese.

The new business was the discussion of a leaflet to be printed describing the work and aims of the League, which will be ready for the next coming together on September 21. On that day the winter's work will be started, prefaced by a corporate communion in the Bishop's Chapel.

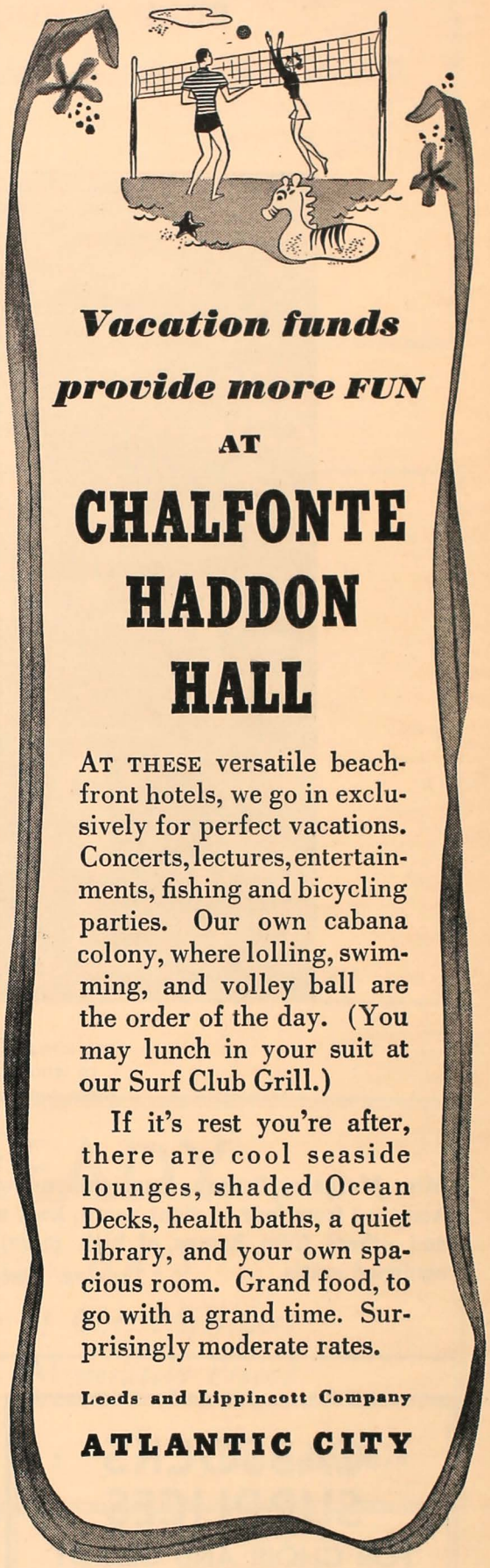
The list of names of the men and women we visit and write to grows faster than the roll of workers; so we welcome recruits in this service.

For further information, ask the Chairman, Mrs. Albert Hill, Swarthmore, Pennsylvania.

ELIZABETH HAUPT SMITH,
Secretary.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

The sum of $200 has been handed to Mrs. J. Holcombe Genung for Chapel furnishings for Gaudet School, New Orleans, La., by Mrs. Frank Bonynge. This happy result was the outcome of the sales of "School Rambles in the Black Belt" and the maps for the Mission Study on U. S. and Africa.



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THE CHURCHWOMAN'S CLUB

The Churchwoman's Club, not satisfied to rest upon the laurels it has gained during a busy and successful year, is making extensive plans for next winter.

The club is a unique and charming institution, composed of women from every Episcopal Church in the Diocese, and its beautiful club rooms at 134 South 22nd Street give the impression of gracious hospitality.

Every Tuesday from September to the end of May, is "Club Day," and afternoon tea is served at four o'clock and supper at six-thirty by the efficient house committee under the able chairmanship of Mrs. John H. Hurst. Every member is privileged to attend any or everyone of the delightful occasions and many take advantage of the privilege.

Then there are lectures and entertainments to suit every interest. Lenten talks by Dr. L. C. Lewis; Work in the Southern Mountains, by Miss Walton; Red Cross Instructions and Evening with Dickens, Motion Pictures, talks by Miss Elizabeth W. Fisher, Miss Laura Reeve, Mrs. S. Naudain Duer, and many other personalities.

The Christmas Party is a high spot as well as the service of the "Feast of Lights" and the Annual Service.

Under the wise and kind guidance of Mrs. J. Alison Scott, whose indefatigable brain conjures constant diversions for the members of the Churchwoman's Club which owes so much to her, the club has had many varieties of entertainment during the past winter.

The Council of the Churchwoman's Club was formed in January, composed of former officers and members of the Executive Board. A highly successful luncheon was given by the Council at the Bellevue-Stratford. Invitations were sent to persons who might be interested in furthering the aims of the club. Fifty-two new members were secured. Mrs. S. Naudain Duer was made Chairman of the Council and Miss Catherine Mumford Lennig, Secretary and Treasurer.

On April 24th Mrs. Scott and Miss Lennig conducted a group of forty-five Churchwomen to see the glories of Williamsburg. The fact that the heavens opened at Yorktown and part of the trip was made in blinding rain, did little to detract from the intense interest in Jamestown, Richmond, Fredericksburg, and country that thrills every American heart. It proved of what staunch material the Church women are composed of.

On May 1st Mrs. Scott again started forth with a group bound for England and the Coronation, Winchester and the Continent. Before leaving, Mrs.

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Those appointed to the various tables so far:

Toys: Mrs. J. Alison Scott, Jr., Mrs. Richard F. Brown, Mrs. R. Dickens, Mrs. Richard Gurley.

Fancy Table: Mrs. Walter C. Carr, Mrs. Chester Cutting.

Candy Table: Miss Catherine M. Lennig, Mrs. Ernest Scott, Mrs. J. Wyman Worthington.

Cake Table: Mrs. Harry Holt, Mrs. John R. Mockridge.

White Elephant Table: Miss Helen Semple, Mrs. Horace Bullock, Miss Elizabeth Holt, Mrs. T. Duncan Whelen, Mrs. Harrison Wright.

Apron Table: Mrs. Harry Laws.

Men's Table: Mrs. W. Worthington Leech.

Delicatessen: Mrs. George Breed.

Chocolate: Mrs. Harold Austin, Mrs. Renshaw Butler.

Books and Christmas Cards: Mrs. George Harrison Frazier, Mrs. Lewis Jones, Jr., and Mrs. Joseph Bonn.

Hats: Mrs. Edward Bendere.

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Flowers: Mrs. James Miller.

Decorations: Mrs. J. Alison Scott, Mrs. Thomas Walker, Miss Catherine M. Lennig and the chairmen of the committees.

Cashiers: Mrs. Clinton Rodgers Woodruff, Mrs. Chester N. Cutting.

The decorations of the Bazaar will be in the colors of the four seasons and many of the aides will be in costume. A series of five luncheons will be given by Mrs. Scott at the Club, beginning on Wednesday, October 5th, and continuing each Wednesday until November 3rd. These will be for the heads of the committees and all of the aides for the discussion of plans and the making of final arrangements for the Bazaar. The Bazaar Committee will be very glad to receive any articles or contributions for the Bazaar, which may be sent to Mrs. J. Alison Scott, Churchwoman's Club, 134 South 22nd Street.

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From the minutes of the meeting of the Vestry of St. Mary's Church, Hamilton Village, May 4th, 1937:

"On Monday, April 12th, George Hall, senior Vestryman of St. Mary's Parish, died peacefully at his home in the 81st year of his life.

"Mr. Hall had been a member of St. Mary's Parish since 1894, and a Vestryman since 1898. He was Rector's Warden under the Rectorships of Dr. George L. Richardson and Dr. John A. Richardson. He was a loyal, constant, cheerful, selfless worshipper and steward during all the years of his life.

"The Diocese will miss his untiring service and wise counsel. His was a humble soul's instinctive dislike of recognition and honor, loving only to labor unceasingly for the Kingdom. He was treasurer of the Convocation of West Philadelphia, one of the founders of the Church Historical Society, one of the Trustees of the Diocese and for years was treasurer of the Advancement Society. But generous as was his giving and valuable his countless services, his most signal contribution to us all was his winning testimony of the Christ-like life, his constant showing forth of the fruits of the Spirit in a nature made strong and simple and sweet through closeness to God."

FRANCIS SAPPINGTON

At a meeting of the Rector and Vestry of the Church of the Incarnation, held on April 1, 1937, the following minute was adopted and ordered spread on the records of the parish:

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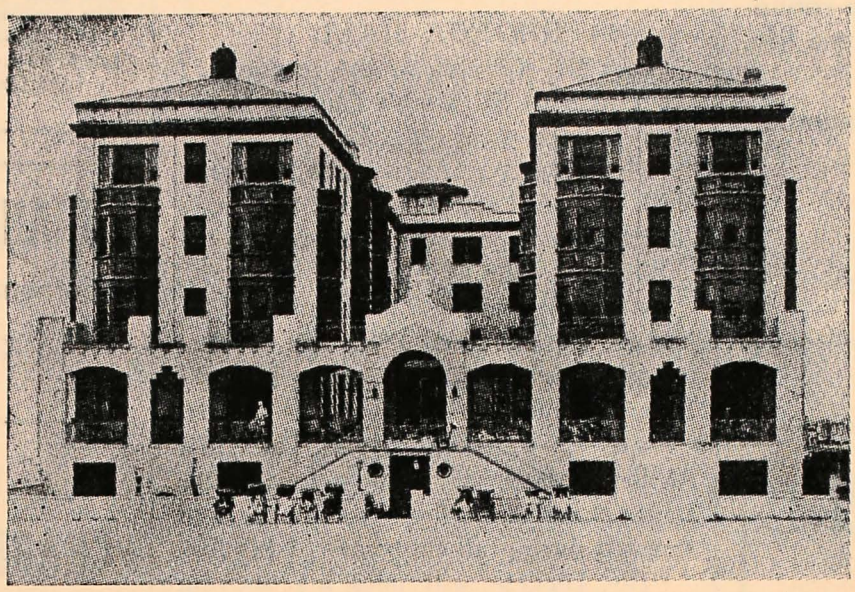

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here where the Curtis Institute of Music, through its Organ Department, extends its co-operation. Dr. Alexander McCurdy, head of the Organ Department, will become the head of the Episcopal Academy Department of Music and also Choirmaster of St. James's. Dr. McCurdy is now in charge of the music at the Second Presbyterian Church. As he will continue his services there, the relationship with St. James's necessitated the appointment of an assistant to Dr. McCurdy. Mr. Richard Purvis, holder of the Cyrus H. Curtis Memorial Organ Scholarship at the Curtis Institute becomes Organist and Assistant Choirmaster at St. James's, working under Dr. McCurdy.

The cordial interest in the whole project of Mrs. Edward W. Bok, President of the Curtis Institute, makes possible its being undertaken with the co-operation of the Institute. Mrs. Bok has most generously established a Scholarship at the Institute by the terms of which Mr. Purvis will spend his summers in England at the Choir Schools there.

Before the project was carried to a conclusion, the entire plan was put before Dr. McCurdy as head of the Institute's Organ Department. He became at once interested. In agreeing to accept leadership in his part of the project, the Episcopal Academy as well as St. James's obtains the expert services of one who knows the English Choir tradition, having studied at Salisbury Cathedral. Dr. McCurdy also knows Country Day Schools, having taught at Morristown, N. J., and, in addition, is thoroughly conversant with Church music.

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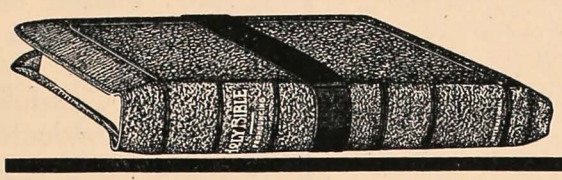

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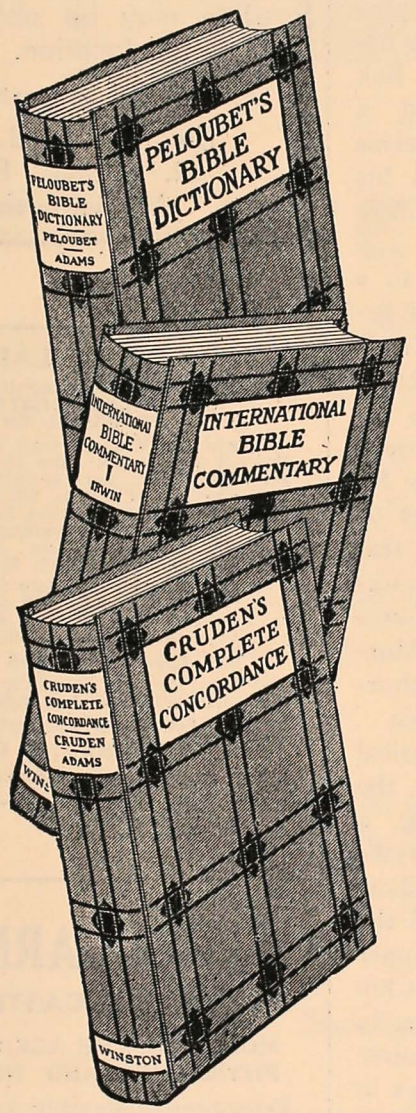

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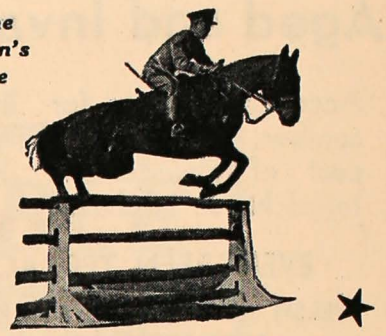

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